

St. Timothy's Banner

Pentecost 2023



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The Fire of Love

By Do Fox

Does a candle not have one wick?
This candle of My people
Were together in My Name,
They were praying as one,
The flame of My Spirit
Fell, embracing them, and empowering them.
This was the beginning of My Love
Flaming mightily into hearts that love Me.
This hatching of My Church
Had been long in coming.
The prophets had foretold this
And the time had finally come!
My Spirit is offered to all
Who come to Me in the name of My Son.
His sacrifice opened Heavens gates,
And this fire can fall afresh
On anyone who believes and loves Me.
Come and let the fire of My Love
Make you holy in My Sight.
It is freely offered and empowers you
To reflect My Glory into many hearts.
It leads to eternal Life, in Me.





The Little People

By Deacon Alan Arnold



John 15:1–2 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

John 15:4-5 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

During this season between Easter and Pentecost I have been journeying through the Book of Acts, not focusing on the giants (the Apostles), but on the “little people” in the background who provided an important service in the growth of Christianity, often overlooked in our focus on the Apostles.

Often, we discourage ourselves from participating in spreading the Gospel, because we’re not one of the giants or even mid-sized. But right from the start of the church the “little people” have been involved in the growth, starting from Acts 1:13–15 “And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (**the company of persons was in all about 120**),” when the replacement for Judas Iscariot was chosen.

Luke’s record in Acts proceeds from God’s anointing of Matthias (Acts 1:26) to the day of Pen-

tecost where we read in Acts 2:1–4, “When the day of Pentecost arrived, **they were all together in one place**. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And **divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them**. And **they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and [they were all] began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.**” So, while Peter was giving that great sermon of repentance the rest were mingling in the crowds explaining his teaching and about 3000 souls were added to Christ’s kingdom on that day.

Acts 2 (vs 42-47) closes with all those “little people” in fellowship with Christ and each other (*John 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you*), in devouring the Apostles’ teachings, in breaking bread in each other’s homes and in prayer. And if anyone fell short of providing for themselves, these “little people” supported them by selling off their assets and belongings to raise funds.

Now let us pop over to the temple, where they gathered daily for worship and teaching. Their activities are going to attract the curious. Now even if the group was divided equally amongst the Apostles that would still mean about 250 per teacher. How could the curious get close to the teachers? Who would answer their questions?

The “little people” on the outer edges of the groups would be the ones explaining who they were, why they were doing what they did, inviting others to join them. “And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.” (Acts 2: 47b). Is this the last we see of the “little people”?

Not at all, but to point out all the incidents would turn this article into a book, so let us just look at a couple more records in Acts, starting with chapter 8. Remember chapter 7 closes with Saul looking on as Stephen is stoned to death. Acts 8:1 & 4 “.... And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and **they were all scattered** throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.....

⁴Now **those who were scattered went about proclaiming the word.**” If the Apostles stayed in Jerusalem, then

it must have been the “little people” [the regular disciples, just like you and me]. From here on that is the term I will use; [my point having been made] who were scattered and proclaimed the Gospel. Because of what we will see in chapter 11, most of these disciples were returning to their home areas, taking the Gospel with them to share with family, friends and neighbours. Now Philip, the evangelist, who had been chosen to wait on tables followed after and preached the Word of the Lord, performing miracles to prove he had the authority from Christ to speak. The disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit, planted the seeds that Philip was able to water and bring to life.

Again, in Acts 11:19-21 “Now **those who were scattered** [the disciples] because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, **speaking the word** to no one except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.” Once again, the disciples were Sowers of the Gospel, and again the apostle Paul assisted by Barnabas, came to preach to build up this new faith for a full year.

What enabled these new disciples to do what they did, planting seeds and walking along with those the Lord added to them? They were branches of the true vine, Jesus Christ, who bore the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23 “*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control;*” They were all indwelt by the Holy Spirit, as are all those who call on Christ as Saviour and Lord. But they were also filled with the Holy Spirit allowing His fruit to be evident through their lives, their characters, all they did and said. And when they strayed, they allowed themselves to be ‘pruned’ by the Father. Some of Paul’s letters to the churches are good examples of this ‘pruning’. As Paul writes in Colossians 3:14, the most important of these fruits is love, self-giving love, being willing to put our lives on the line to plant the Gospel.

In my sermon of the 14th May (available on St Tim’s website) I explained how if we are fruit bearing branches then people should see Christ in us, and be

attracted to Christ through the fruit the Holy Spirit produces in us. They should be able to “*taste and see that the Lord is good!*” (Psalm 34:8)

But, the attractiveness of fruit is only to enable the real purpose of fruit on the vine. Cut an apple in half and what do you see at the core. Seeds. So the real purpose is to distribute those seeds to allow the plant to multiply.

If we are exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit on our branches, but not allowing the Holy Spirit to use us to sow the seed, we are thwarting, can I say grieving, the Holy Spirit. Fruits have many more seeds than needed to multiply themselves, because of uncertainty of the soil they fall on. Christ asks us to plant seeds and allow the Spirit to determine the results. This is where self-giving comes in, as we are to be willing to face rejection, harassment, even persecution knowing we have a Shepherd who has already given of Himself and faced all the above.

Perhaps, as a summer project, both individually and in groups we should spend time in prayer and study to ask the Holy Spirit to fill each of us with His fruit and enable us to sow seeds to multiply.

John 15:8 **By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit so prove to be my disciples.**



THE ATHANASIAN CREED



* Note Catholic means universal

1 Whosoever would be saved/needeth before all things to hold fast the Catholic Faith.

2 Which Faith except a man keep whole and undefiled, / without doubt he will perish eternally.

3 Now the Catholic Faith is this, / that we worship one God in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity;

4 Neither confusing the Persons, / nor dividing the Substance.

5 For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, / another of the Holy Ghost;

6 But the Godhead of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is all one, / the glory equal, the majesty co-eternal.

7 Such as the Father is, such is the Son, / and such is the Holy Ghost;

8 The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Ghost uncreated;

9 The Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Ghost infinite;

10 The Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Ghost eternal;

11 And yet there are not three eternal, but one eternal;

12 As also there are not three uncreated, nor three infinite, / but one infinite, and one uncreated.

13 So likewise the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, / the Holy Ghost almighty;

14 And yet there are not three almighties, but one almighty.

15 So the Father is God, the Son God, the Holy Ghost God;

16 And yet there are not three Gods, / but one God.

17 So the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, / the Holy Ghost Lord;

18 And yet there are not three Lords, / but one Lord.

19 For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity / to confess each Person by himself to be both God and Lord;

20 So are we forbidden by the Catholic Religion / to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

21 The Father is made of none, / nor created, nor begotten.

22 The Son is of the Father alone; / not made, nor created, but begotten.

23 The Holy Ghost is of the Father and the Son; / not made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

24 There is therefore one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; / one Holy Ghost, not three Holy

Ghosts.

25 And in this Trinity there is no before or after, / no greater or less;

26 But all three Persons are co-eternal together, / and co-equal.

27 So that in all ways, as is aforesaid, / both the Trinity is to be worshipped in Unity, and the Unity in Trinity.

28 He therefore that would be saved, / let him thus think of the Trinity.

29 FURTHERMORE, it is necessary to eternal salvation, / that he also believe faithfully the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

30 Now the right Faith is that we believe and confess / that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is both God and Man.

31 He is God, of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; / and he is Man, of the Substance of his Mother, born in the world;

32 Perfect God; / perfect Man, of reasoning soul and human flesh subsisting;

33 Equal to the Father as touching his Godhead; / less than the Father as touching his Manhood.

34 Who although he be God and Man, / yet he is not two, but is one Christ;

35 One, however, not by conversion of Godhead into flesh, / but by taking of Manhood into God;

36 One altogether; / not by confusion of Substance, but by unity of Person.

37 For as reasoning soul and flesh is one man, so God and Man is one Christ;

38 Who suffered for our salvation, / descended into hell, rose again from the dead;

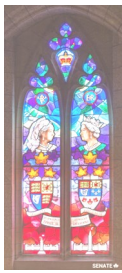
39 Ascended into heaven, sat down at the right hand of the Father, / from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

40 At whose coming all men must rise again with their bodies, / and shall give account for their own deeds.

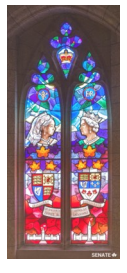
41 And they that have done good will go into life eternal; / they that have done evil into eternal fire.

42 THIS is the Catholic Faith, / which except a man do faithfully and stedfastly believe, he cannot be saved.

Submitted by Rev Dan Endresen



25 Scripture verses on Parliament Hill (NIV)



The following scripture verses are all written in the stained glass windows of Canada's Parliament Buildings.

- 1 Peter 2:17 Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honour the emperor.
- Psalm 72:8 May he rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- Psalm 72:1 Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.
- Psalm 139:8-10 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.
- Ephesians 6:13 Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.
- Ephesians 6:14-17 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
- 1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Corinthians 16:13 Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.
- Nahum 1:7 Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.
- Jeremiah 23:5 "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.
- Psalm 18:39 You armed me with strength for battle; you humbled my adversaries before me.
- Psalm 94:15 Judgement will again be founded on righteousness, and all the upright in heart will follow it.
- Psalm 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."
- Revelation 21:27 Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.
- Corinthians 10:3-6 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.
- Psalm 46:9 He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
- Proverbs 29:18 where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blesses is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction.
- Ezekiel 1:10 Their faces looked like this: Each of the four had the face of a human being, and on the right side each had the face of a lion, and on the left side the face of an ox; each also had the face of an eagle.
- Revelations 4:6-7 Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the

second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle.

20. Job 9:4 His wisdom is profound, his power is vast. Who has resisted him and come out unscathed?
21. John 4:34 "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."
22. Revelation 2:10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.
23. Joshua 1:8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.
24. 1 Chronicles 22:11 "Now, my son, the Lord be with you, and may you have success and build

the house of the Lord your God, as he said you would.

25. 2 Samuel 22:40 You armed me with strength for battle; you humbled my adversaries before me.

Submitted by Suzanne Weagle



Jean Saunders recently celebrated her 93rd. Birthday. Suzanne sent in this picture





THE OLDER I GET.....



"It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone." - Andy Rooney

"The older I get, the better I used to be." – Lee Trevino

"To get back to my youth I would do anything in the world, except exercise, get up early, or be respectable." - Oscar Wilde

"At age 20, we worry about what others think of us... at age 40, we don't care what they think of us... at age 60, we discover they haven't been thinking of us at all." - Ann Landers

"I have reached an age when, if someone tells me to wear socks, I don't have to." - Albert Einstein

"When I was young, I was called a rugged individualist. When I was in my fifties, I was considered eccentric. Here I am doing and saying the same things I did then, and I'm labeled senile." - George Burns

"The important thing to remember is that I'm probably going to forget." – Unknown

"The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for." - Will Rogers

"We must recognize that, as we grow older, we become like old cars – more and more repairs and replacements are necessary." - C.S. Lewis

"Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what happened." - Jennifer Yanez

"Old age is like a plane flying through a storm. Once you are aboard there is nothing you can

do about it." - Golda Meir

"I'm so old that my blood type is discontinued." - Bill Dane

"The older I get, the more clearly I remember things that never happened." - Mark Twain

"Always be nice to your children because they are the ones who will choose your retirement home."- Phyllis Diller

"I don't plan to grow old gracefully. I plan to have face-lifts until my ears meet." - Rita Rudner

"I'm at that age where my back goes out more than I do." - Phyllis Diller

"Nice to be here? At my age it's nice to be anywhere." – George Burns

"First you forget names, then you forget faces, then you forget to pull your zipper up, then you forget to pull your zipper down." - Leo Rosenberg

"Old people shouldn't eat health foods. They need all the preservatives they can get." – Robert Orben

"Old age is when you're sitting at home on a Saturday night and the telephone rings, and you hope it isn't for you." - Unknown

"It's important to have a twinkle in your wrinkle." – Unknown

"I have successfully completed the thirty-year transition from wanting to stay up late to just wanting to go to bed." – Unknown

"The years between 50 and 70 are the hardest. You are always being asked to do things, and yet you are not decrepit enough to turn them down." – T.S. Elliot

"As you get older three things happen. The first is your memory goes, and I can't remember the other two." - Sir Norman Wisdom

Submitted by Barrie Fox

Spiritual Gifts

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AN INVITATION TO ST. TIMOTHY'S PICNIC DAY

Where: Lake Slavery (Lac des Esclaves)

When: August 19h, 2023.

Why: To enjoy nature and each other.

How: By car or carpool.



Driving Directions to Fox Cottages

From the west island the best route, now, is through Hawkesbury Ont.

Hawkesbury route. This route has good roads most of the way. Take the Trans Canada, Auto-route 40, and travel west. Proceed into Ontario and take the exit for Hawkesbury. Route 17. When approaching Hawkesbury, turn right on Tupper St. (Best Western on the corner). At the end of the road, turn left. Turn right at the second traffic light towards the bridge to Quebec, and proceed across the river. Continue straight ahead, across highway 148 and on to Auto-route 50. Go west (left), then exit at the next exit onto Kilmar road.

Travel to the end of the Kilmar road. Turn right onto Harrington Road, continue to the first stop sign, turn left on White Acres Road. Turn right onto Chemin du Lac des Esclaves. Continue a couple of kilometers to our place. The numbers are 180, 184

For GPS navigation the address is 180 Chemin du Lac des Esclaves, Harrington, QC, Canada.

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