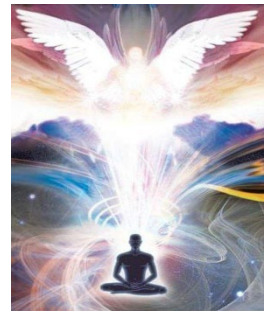




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Dear Friends of CIS,

“Our True Riches!” by Rev. Christine Emmerling

The Day of Pentecost is a Christian religious holiday celebrated 50 days after Easter Sunday. This is when Jesus the Christ’s disciples were baptized by the Holy Spirit. It was during the Jewish festival of the “First Fruits” also known as the “Festival of Weeks” held fifty days after Passover. This year for us Christians, we celebrate Pentecost on May 19th.

What does all this mean for us today? The “First Fruits” instead of being a wheat harvest, is now to commemorate the Baptism of the Holy Spirit bestowed upon the disciples. Metaphysically we see this as our time for receiving the baptism by the Holy Spirit. As we awaken to our spiritual nature we embody the Fruits of the Spirit as joy, patience, kindness, faithfulness, love, gentleness, self-control, peace and goodness. These are the first fruits of the spirit that become part of our very nature and demonstrated in our daily lives.

Then one day, as Jesus said, we shall not know the day or time, and when that day comes the Holy Spirit baptizes us. The Divine Presence of God awakens the Christ Mind within us. We are given one or more of the nine Gifts of the Spirit: The word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, speak in tongues, and the interpretation of tongues. These gifts are assigned depending upon our spiritual nature.

This year as we acknowledge the Day of Pentecost let us give thanks for the Fruits and Gifts of our spirit that have awakened within us, and how we shall continue to develop and use them in our life. As Christ Jesus said in Matt. 6:19-21, “Do not store up riches for yourselves here on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and robbers break in and steal. Instead, store up riches for yourselves in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and robbers cannot break in and steal. For your heart will always be where your riches are.”

“Everyone Wants to be Happy” by Rev. Mark Stuefloten

Everyone I know tells me all they want is to be happy. Most people I know are happy for this reason or that reason. The same people are then unhappy for this reason or that reason. Their happiness depends on so many things that are out of their control. They are depending on someone or some future event to deliver happiness to them. My father-in-law and brother would be miserable for too long after their team lost the game. If their team won the game, they were joyful until the next game that their team lost. Depending on anyone or anything to make you happy is yo-yo happiness.

You’re up and then down, then up again and back down, that’s yo-yo happiness. Weather conditions, our emotions, thoughts, and opinions change constantly. We cannot leave our happiness to conditions, circumstances, or situations. They can all change abruptly and leave us flat. What other people do or don’t do is constantly changing, depending on how they think and feel on a particular day. Friendships we love, and have come to depend on, can end for a multitude of reasons.

True and lasting happiness is an inside job. Life, our bodies, emotions, and thoughts, are in constant flux. Today I feel good; the next day I am feeling sad. We have to be “Decidedly Happy.”

I have a health condition that, if I let it decide how I feel and what kind of a day I'll have, my life would not belong to me. I refuse to surrender control of my life to any condition. I have decided to be happy, to appreciate the day just the way it is. Life has gone by too quickly to waste any more time picking at life. I wish I had learned to be decidedly happy when I was in first grade. I wish I had been more appreciative of my life. I have gone back over my life and I have blessed every moment. God created the world and declared it good, and so should we. God is good, our good is our God. God is omnipresent, so the All is good. Take back the power; be decidedly happy and appreciate the day. It's part of my spiritual practice. I try to smile more at people and connect; even if it's just a passing glance, it can be up lifting and saying, “I see you and I care.”

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