

## Thought for the Week

Last week's Thought for the Week concluded on the high note of St. Peter recognising that "Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

And Peter was praised by Jesus for having received this fantastic assurance from our Heavenly Father.

How do we put this fantastic truth into our daily living?

Daily we prayerfully remind ourselves of the great love Jesus has for us, and we thank Him. Our relationship with others is a step in the right direction; Jesus said we are to love each other as He loves us. His love is self-giving, not self-seeking. St. Paul gives us clear guidance in his Letter to the Romans chapter 12 (a chapter we should read often) where he says we must be sincere. Frankly, if everyone took this guidance to heart, the world would be transformed for the better. We would recognise we are all brothers and sisters with God our Father, and as a family would recognise we each have special gifts, abilities and gifts to share. He reminds us of the gift to serve others – plenty of opportunities for this in the present circumstances.



Encouraging other folk, saying a kind word or a smile costs us nothing but can cheer someone, especially entering and leaving church. Never repay evil with evil, a gentle response helps. Paul knew what it was to be without food or shelter: no wonder he draws attention to our attitude of contributing to those in need. Right now little is being broadcast about the awful plight, the devastation in over 30 African countries of people having their means of livelihood swept away by the Plague of Locusts. Have a quiet read through the second half of Romans 12 – and enjoy the rich blessings as you please the Lord Jesus.

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