

Reflection

Ascension Sunday

Do you share with others the joy of the Gospel and the promise of resurrection? Jesus states that "you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Jesus' final comments to his disciples refer to his saving mission. His disciples are to bear witness to his saving death and glorious resurrection, as well as to spread the gospel of salvation throughout the world. The Holy Spirit will renew and strengthen the body of Christ, preparing it for effective ministry and outreach around the world. Sadly, some Jews of that time saw Gentiles as nothing, as people who didn't merit heaven. Yet God wanted a witness sent to all of these places, and the Holy Spirit would empower them to do this work.

We are ambassadors for Jesus Christ, and the resurrected Lord acts in and through us via the power of the Holy Spirit. Our story may not always be accepted, but the Holy Spirit can give us the power to live a victorious Christian life and effectively serve Christ. Maintain a constant and Christ-centered lifestyle that reflects his life and grace. Be adaptable and sensitive to the demands and circumstances of the people. Prayer is our primary means. Prayer is a simple but effective method to be a witness for Jesus. In our endeavor to witness for Christ, show others that God is there and loves them. Moreover, prayer will bring forgotten individuals into your life, help you engage, and lead your conversations and give you wisdom in how and when to share the gospel. As we commemorate Christ's ascension, may we be determined to witness him to all people.