



Scripture nugget – clothe me with Power from on High

When the Advocate comes Whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth that proceeds from the Father, He will testify to Me. And you also testify, because you have been with Me from the beginning (John 15:26-27).

How do we know what Christ declares and reveals to us is the Truth? Christ said: *“If I testify on My own behalf, My testimony cannot be verified.” (John 5:31).* Christ pointed out to us that He has many witnesses to the truth of what He revealed to us. John the Baptist declared that Christ is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world (cf. John 1:29) and testified that Christ is the Son of God (cf. John 1:34). *But I have testimony greater than John’s. The works that the Father gave Me to accomplish, these works that I perform testify on My behalf that the Father has sent Me (cf. John 5:36).* Jesus performed in public many signs and miracles that can only be wrought by the power of God. When Jesus came out of the water after His baptism, God the Father testified: *And a Voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is My Beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased (Matthew 3:17).* God the Father also testified to Christ at the time of His transfiguration on Mount Tabor with Peter, James and John (cf. Matthew 17:5). The Scriptures testify to Christ. When Christ came in the flesh, He fulfilled hundreds of prophecies written in Scripture about Him. Even the demons testified that Christ is the Son of God (cf. Matthew 8:28-29). Last not but least, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth testifies to Christ. Jesus said: *the Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in My Name - He will teach you everything and remind you of all that [I] told you (John 14:26).*

We are born to give witness to Christ and to share in His glory. *And you also testify, because you have been with Me from the beginning (John 15:27).* To testify to Christ, we need the help of the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit, we would not be different from the rest of the world, we would not be able to shine forth the light of Christ. We would be inclined to timidity, and be afraid to go counter to public opinion of the secular world that is increasingly hostile to and intolerant of Christ’s teachings and commandments. Without the power of the Holy Spirit, we would lack conviction in our faith, live a watered down version of the Christian life and hardly make a difference to the immediate world we live in. Without the power of Holy Spirit, we would not have strong identity as children of God, fail to live the calling of our Christian mission and the resurrected life of Christ.

Conversation with Jesus: Precious Lord, the Apostles were timid men before You sent the Holy Spirit upon them at Pentecost. However, that all changed when the fire of the Holy Spirit were ignited in their souls at Pentecost, transforming them into fearless and effective witnesses of You. Overflow me with Your Holy Spirit. By Your Holy Spirit, purify my mind of all darkness and enlighten it with God’s wisdom, light and truth. Purify my heart of all things that did not come from God and fill it with Your burning love. Purify my soul and fill it with the Holy Spirit. Accept my sincere repentance of all my sins, consume all my iniquities and ignite the fire of the Holy Spirit in my soul. Clothe me with the power from on high so that I, too, can become a fearless witness to proclaim Your mighty works of love and promise of eternal life. Mary, Mother of Salvation, pray for me. Thank You, Jesus. Praise You, Jesus.