

## **22st Sunday in Ordinary Time of the Year**

(Deut.4.1-26-8, Jm.1,17-18,21-22,27, Mk.71-8,14-15,21-23)

### **THEME: ALLOW THE WORD OF GOD TO BEAR FRUIT IN YOUR LIFE.**

Beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord, today our God is inviting us to be **doers** of his word, for it is not enough to hear the word of God. What matters most is for us to allow this message of the gospel we hear, always to bear fruit in our lives; in what we say, in what we do and in our relationships with others. God wants our actions to manifest our faith and love for Him.

Through our second reading today, St. James states “Religion that is pure and acceptable to God the Father, is this: To care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Let us live and behave, so that, people can look at our deeds and words and know that we are children of God. Let our daily lives bear fruit to our faith in God.

In our gospel message today, our Lord Jesus warns us not to worship him with only our mere lips. He wants our worship and love to come from our hearts. Let our feelings for others come from our hearts. Let our intentions to care and help others come from our hearts.

Furthermore, our Lord Jesus warns us to keep away from those vices that make us unclean and unholy. Things like; evil intentions, fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. “That all these things come from within and they defile a person.”

Dear friends in Christ, let us continue to make an effort to be holy, by living a good life, allowing the word of God to bear fruit in all that we do and say, feeling for others from our hearts and through our prayers.

Never give up, keep on making an effort to come close to God and leave the rest to God. For God is not interested in our downfall, He wants us to live and be happy. At the end, God wants each and every one of us to be saved. Christ said it is the “will” of my Father that all should be saved (Jn. 17:1-26)