

2 Timothy 3: 10-17    Gospel Acc. Psalm 18:9    Mark 12:35-37

As Christians, what are our aims in life? From where can we gain understanding, knowledge, direction, and truth?

Paul tells us the answer in today's first Reading where he says, "All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy." What a profound statement! The Gospel Acclamation reiterates this..."Your Words gladden the heart, o Lord, they give light to the eyes."

Today is also the feast of St. Boniface. Originally a monk from Crediton in Devon, he was a missionary to the Franks in Germany. Being made Archbishop of Mainz, he became known as the 'Apostle of the Germans.' (He is also Patron saint of Devon.) Who better to illustrate those same words of St. Paul in the way he lived and spread the word of God? He is credited as being the unifier of Europe in his day, and his eventual martyrdom reflects the further words of Paul. "You are very aware then, that anyone who tries to live in devotion to Christ, is certain to be attacked."

The opposite of following the truth of God's Word is to be, "A wicked imposter who will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and deceiving themselves."

In today's Gospel Jesus proclaims himself to be Lord of his ancestor, King David, and Lord of those who are challenging him. The truth he reveals here and then, throughout the New Testament, is that he, Jesus, is Lord of all. We can find our way if we follow his Word.

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