

HOW THE PRIMITIVE CHURCH TRANSFORMED THE PAGAN WORLD

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The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead was the “Breaking News” which marked the beginning of a new era for the entire world, more than 2000 years ago.

After receiving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the apostles and disciples who had seen the risen Jesus, and had spent time with Him before His ascension to the Father, did not hesitate to publicly announce that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah, and that He was alive!

Where did they get the courage to witness their faith in Jesus to the point of giving their life?
How were they able to transform a violent pagan society, and lead it to accept Jesus as the new Way to live by?

The answer is that they were not witnessing to an ideology, or to a new religion, or to a new philosophy...

No... They were actually witnessing and proclaiming the Person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, with whom they had a person to person relationship!

This Jesus, in his risen form, transfigured and glorious, continued to be present among the Christian believers, and was experienced by them whenever they gathered for their weekly “breaking of the bread”, as they used to call the Holy Mass.

He was also particularly present in the Christian community, as they observed the commandment of Love, by which, as he had stated at the last supper, the world would recognize them as his disciples.
(John 13:35).

The pagan world of the ancient Roman Empire was changed by the LOVE that Christians had for one another, as Jesus had commanded.

THE PAGAN WORLD WE LIVE IN TODAY CAN ALSO BE TRANSFORMED BY THE SAME LOVE IF, AS CHRISTIANS, WE OBSERVE THE COMMANDMENT OF LOVE: “ Love one another as I have loved you”
(John 15:12).

IS THIS POSSIBLE?

YES... BUT ONLY IF WE BEGIN FROM OURSELVES AND GO BACK TO THE ORIGIN, AND LIVE AS THE PRIMITIVE CHURCH: by seriously considering to change our ways, and adopting Jesus’ ways, as found in the Gospels: PRAY AS JESUS PRAYED, and LOVE AS JESUS LOVED.

The authentic testimony of a Christian Life influences others.
When we change, the world around us will change!