

Thoughts on the Daily Word

29th Week of Year. Tuesday 21st October. Readings: Romans 5:12,15,17-21; Psalm: 39; Luke 12:35-38.

Paul's letter to the Romans is one of the most challenging texts in the New Testament for me. Challenging but interesting. From it spring some of the biggest battles between Christians. Grace and free will, freedom or predestination have caused wars and, possibly, economic revolutions! Are we irredeemably locked in sin? Does God offer grace as a free gift to all, or just the chosen few? Just a few of the challenges that Paul unpacks and leaves us to ponder. One thing that he does say today is that grace is greater than all the sins of the world put together. God's grace will, in the end, triumph over our failures and brokenness. All made possible through the sacrifice of Jesus, who sets us free. That is the journey of faith, into true freedom.