

CONFERENCE ONE

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It is not easy to recognise and find authentic happiness in this world in which we live, where people are often held captive by the current ways of thinking. They may think they are "free", but they are being led astray and become lost amid the errors or illusions of aberrant ideologies. "Freedom itself needs to be set free" (cf the encyclical Veritatis Splendour, 86), and the darkness in which humankind is groping needs to be illuminated. Jesus taught us how this can be done: 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free', (Jn. 8:31-32). Pope Benedict XV1

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

1. In the quote above Pope Benedict XV1 says: "freedom itself needs to be set free". What might he mean by that? How does this affect your life in a concrete way?

2. The Spirit is alive today in the Word. What is your response to that? Reflect on your experience of listening to scripture or reading scripture and identify if there have been times when you experienced the power of the Word to take you deeply into an experience of God.

3. How can you become a realizer of the Word? Perhaps you might like to draw yourself as a realizer of the Word. What would your action be? Or if you are writer you might like to write about it during the coming week.

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4. Take time to explore more fully the new concepts you have learned through listening to this conference.

Go to page 18 for a link to listen to Sr. Magdalen osb sing "Be Still My Soul".



The word given to me this week