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Baptism of the Lord
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You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased

Jesus must give his will to the Father, if He wants to fulfil his mission of salvation, redemption, universal liberation. He must keep nothing for himself. Each of his molecule, better, each of his atom will have to be given to the Father so that the Father may rule it for all the duration of his mission. Jesus comes down into the water of the Jordan as most holy, he is divested of his will, He gives it to the Father entirely. His gift is not still enough. It is necessary that the Father raises Jesus as missionary of his work of salvation. Publically, today, in the Jordan River, the Son is consecrated to the Father. Publically, after Jesus comes out of the water and is in prayer, the Father consecrates Him as his Messiah, his Kind, his Saviour, his Redeemer, his universal Mediator. How does He consecrate him? First, by attesting to be delighted of his gift: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The Father declares Him his Son, his loved, the trusted person, his faithful servant. He can be well pleased with Him. With Him, He is well pleased.

that the Holy Spirit comes down and takes the full ruling of Jesus's life. Not of a part of it, but of his entire life: soul, spirit, body, desires, feelings, will, aspirations, motions, thoughts must be in Him entirely work of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of the Lord rules Jesus, Jesus fully ruled by the Holy Spirit carries out the mission. Jesus lets himself be made by the Holy Spirit, He, made by the Holy Spirit, carries out the works of the Father. This same way is for each member of his body, taken by the

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Father so that one collaborates with Christ Jesus in the work of the salvation and redemption of his brothers. If one does not become body of Christ, one cannot operate for the salvation of man. Only the body of Christ is entitled with this mission. If in the body of Christ one does not let himself be led by the Holy Spirit, in the same way Christ Jesus has let himself be moved, not even in this case we can cooperate with Christ to the redemption of the world. Mother of Jesus, Woman entirely with the Holy Spirit, help us so that we, too, be entirely with the Spirit of God.

This is not even enough. To fulfil the works of God, it is necessary

LAMP UNTO MY FEET

A grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies

The beginnings of the kingdom of God in a heart are always in the great humbleness, littleness, invisibility. They are similar to a wheat of grain that falls to the ground and dies. When one throws a wheat of grain to the ground, not only does nothing appear. The own wheat of grain is to the ground because, only if in the ground, it might sprout, grow and bear fruit. Jesus himself sees himself as a wheat of grain who falls to the ground and dies. Only thus, one might bear much fruit. What is the death from which the true life of every other man is born? Death is letting oneself be buried by every sufferance, sorrow, mortification, p e r s e c u t i o n , opposition, contrast, calumny, slander, spit insult, by the many stones of falsity and of lies that those who do not love Christ Jesus always drop on those who have desire of believing in Him and of living according to his Word, his Gospel. Jesus has come down on earth from heaven. Men put him put under the stones of their sins. Each one has dropped on Him his personal stone, fruit of his personal sin: stone of envy, arrogance, jealousy, foolishness, wickedness, evil, deceit,

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misunderstanding of his words, non-knowledge neither of God nor of his will. Under this most high mountain of stones, he has sprout, has risen, has become true tree of salvation and of redemption for the human genre. Whoever wants to bear much fruit, as well, must let himself be buried in the ground of the sin of the world. Under this ground of sin, die. Only then, he will become fruit of eternal life for the entire world. Without this burial and this death, one cannot bear fruits of redemption, salvation, light, truth, eternal life. The Acts of the Apostles tell that the Apostle Paul was really buried under a pile of stones dropped on him as hate against Christ Jesus and the Gospel he proclaimed. Of that death, He with the Holy Spirit sees the fruits produced not only for the benefit of his faith, but also of the entire body of Christ. Only the one who will let himself be buried as Christ Jesus might bear much fruit for the salvation and the redemption of the world. Here is how the Apostle Paul encourages the disciples of Jesus: "We cause no one to stumble in anything, in order that no fault may be found with our ministry; on the contrary, in everything we

commend ourselves as ministers of God, through much endurance, in afflictions, hardships, constraints, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, vigils, fasts; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, in a holy spirit, in unfeigned love, in truthful speech, in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness at the right and at the left; through glory and dishonor, insult and praise. We are treated as deceivers and yet are truthful; as unrecognized and yet acknowledged; as dying and behold we live; as chastised and yet not put to death; as sorrowful yet always rejoicing; as poor yet enriching many; as having nothing and yet possessing all things." (2Cor 6, 3-10) There is no other way to fulfil our salvation and that of the world. Whoever wants to be saved, whoever wants to cooperate with Christ Jesus for the salvation of the world must let himself be dead under the ground of the sin of the world. He must let every sin be dropped against him until covering him, as it covered Jesus the Lord. These are the beginnings of the kingdom and also the way so that it can arise in many other hearts: let himself wheat of grain that falls to the ground and dies. Our death for our life and the life of all other man.



IF YOU LISTEN...

Filled with wisdom and the favor of God was upon him

The Holy Spirit says about Jesus: "When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him." (Lk 2, 39-40) No growth is true, if together with the growth of the body, the spirit and the soul do not grow with the same intensity, better with an even greater intensity. Today we must confess that we are growing as monsters. We take care of the body conceding every care to it, even the most damaging and useless cares, because of that idolatry, universal by now, that is the worship of the body that is conquering every man. There are no limits for the body care. One must concede it all things. Why do men worship the body and abandon it to vices? Because both the growth in wisdom and the growth in grace, that are two most powerful gifts of life bestowed to us by the Father in Christ through the work of his Holy Spirit, are absent. Having we worshipped the body, in us there is no longer place for the true worship

of the true God and Lord, of the true Saviour and Redeemer, of the Giver to us of the true life, true wisdom, true life, true intelligence, true fortitude, true ruling of our body. If a human law were capable of supplying every disaster of idolatry, then the cross of Christ Jesus would really be useless.

The saddest thing is that, today, the disciples of Jesus, too, are falling into the same foolishness and ignorance to believe that it is sufficient to indicate the nature the path of good – which is not a supernatural good, the liberation from every idolatry, but the material and temporary good – so that humanity enters the universal brotherhood and the cosmic peace. Universal brotherhood and cosmic or planetary peace are possible only in virtue of our growth in wisdom and grace, as Christ Jesus grew. This is why Christ Jesus is the only Necessary to man. Because He gives us the Holy Spirit, fruit of his death by crucifixion. Being born, us, from water and from Holy Spirit, he makes us to a new life. Filling us

with himself and of that sanctifying grace, he gives us the ruling of our body and frees us from every idolatry of the body, in which we infallibly fall without his full ruling of our entire life. But today we, the disciples of Jesus, have decreed that one must not even speak about Christ. With what consequences? With the condemnation of man to the idolatry of one's own body and with the handover to every vice. May the Mother of Jesus free us from such a horrible and universal sin.

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FROM JACOB'S WELL

The mission of the Christian is great. Through him, if he speaks of the Gospel by the Gospel, many hearts might meet Christ, believe in Him, embrace his Word, be filled with the grace and the Holy Spirit. For him, if he does not speak of the Gospel by the Gospel, the hearts will even more go down into the slavery of sin and of death. Today, to the mission of omission and to that of the mission, lived badly, a third one is added, even more serious: the Christian is convincing the entire humanity that one can live without Christ, one can build the universal brotherhood without Christ, one can bring peace on earth without Christ, one can live the great justice and the universality of mercy without Christ. Because of this sin, there will only be a future of dense darkness for the world.

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

Why can neither a law of man nor a law of God erase from man's heart the Law of sin ruling him and making him a slave? What is the Law of sin?

The Law of sin is the death of man: death of his soul, of his intelligence, of his heart, of his will, of his feelings of truth and light, of his body. This death produces another very sad fruit in turn: every "cell" of the soul, of spirit, of the body of man is prompted toward evil and no longer toward good, toward darkness and not toward light, toward injustice and not toward justice, toward the creatures and not toward the Creator, toward wickedness and not toward goodness, toward evil and not toward mercy, toward vengeance and not toward forgiveness. So that one inverts this direction, it is needed one to be filled with the powerful grace and force of the Holy Spirit that is fruit of Christ in us, fruit that is bestowed upon us through the means of our faith in Him. If the Law of sin can be removed only in Christ, is Christ is not proclaimed, if man is not invited to conversion to Him and to the faith in his Gospel, there is no possibility for him to overcome this Law. If a human law could abrogate the Law of sin, that is man's own nature so as it is made after the first disobedience, then God would be useless to man and also Christ Jesus.

Today this is the great foolishness of the Christian. Having he lost the faith in Christ the Lord and in his grace,

being he separated from the Holy Spirit, he is also slave of the Law of sin. He, too, thinks by sin, by darkness, by foolishness, by ignorance, by non-science, by non-truth, by non-light, by non-wisdom, by non-intelligence. He too denies the true God, the true Christ Jesus, the true Holy Spirit, coming to destroying the truth of the nature itself of man. Today the Christian is the responsible of all this anthropological disaster, on which every other disaster depends. He has left Christ, has denied Him, has cast Him away, disavowed Him. Becoming, he too, victim of this Law, he too thinks by this Law by now. The Christian is the creator of this religious disaster today. From this disaster, every other disaster arises. Either the Christian takes again his place that is in the heart of Christ Jesus and speaks by the heart of Christ Jesus, or for the world there will be no possibility neither of salvation nor of redemption. Today the Christian is condemning the entire humanity to remain under the slavery of the Law of sin forever, having declared Christ Jesus no longer necessary to be saved.

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He revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him
Toward a new third Covenant?

But they did not understand what he said to them

What does it mean that the choice of the Gospel is entrusted to the will of every single man? How can we convince so that the Gospel is chosen? Are there any effective methodologies so that one chooses the Gospel?

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