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This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish

Every man is asked to ponder his choice well. Whoever decides to follow Christ Jesus must first sit, measure his will, verify his decision, fathom his heart, assay his soul. If he ascertains that he is capable of following Jesus until the martyrdom, he may take the decision to follow Him. Instead, if he realizes that the discipleship is not for him, it is better not to begin it, instead of interrupting and going back, once begun. The discipleship of Jesus is a serious matter. It forces to the observance of all rules. If a person does not want to observe the rules dictated by Jesus, he does not even want to be his disciple. If he does not want to be his disciple, then it is better not to begin to follow Him, either. This Word of Jesus says to us that almost all our speeches of the Christian about being are false. How can one state that one is strict if one gives man the rules that Christ Jesus has dictated for the one willing to follow Him? How can one accuse to be fundamentalists if one teaches the Gospel preached and lived by Jesus? How can one accuse of moralism the one who, preaching the Gospel, reminds the moral needs of it? The one who is governed by the Holy Spirit, with

his wisdom, always knows how to introduce the Gospel to every man. He also knows how to lead the ewes little by little and to carry the lambs on his shoulders. But all of this is possible only for the one who is governed by the Holy Spirit and is not under the regime of flesh. The one who is responsible of being vigilant so that the Gospel is announced in the purity of its light and of its truth, also moral light and truth, when he speaks to the others, he is always obliged to speak with the Holy Spirit in his heart. If he speaks by arm, by feeling, by the thoughts of his mind, the evil he generates are extremely incalculable. Instead of correcting the mistakes, there is the risk to damage the Gospel in a very serious way. This is what is happening nowadays. Willing to take away the dust from the Gospel, one throws the entire Gospel in the fire. Certainly, the dust is taken away. But at what cost? At the cost of having reduced the entire Gospel into ash and dust. It is a great foolishness. May the Mother of God and our Mother help us. We want to always speak from the heart of the Holy Spirit.

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LAMP UNTO MY FEET

Mission of Jesus Mission of his Apostles

In the Gospel according to Matthew, the mission of Jesus begins from the Galilee. The prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled: "When he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen." From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Mt 4,12-17; cf Is 8,22-9,6). The mission of light, of truth, of righteousness, of peace for the entire world is one, not two, not many. The Apostles must give fulfilment, until the day of Parusia, to the mission of Jesus. As that of Jesus begins from the Galilee, his fulfilment, too, must begin from the Galilee through the work of the Apostles. One only mission, one only point of beginning. From the Galilee the mission of Jesus has begun. From the Galilee its fulfilment in the world must

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begin. It is a right thing to put one truth on the lampstand that is often forgotten. The text of the prophecy says: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." This light is not the Word of God. This light is Christ Jesus, that is the Word, the Truth, the Righteousness, the Holiness, the Charity, the Mercy of the Father, in the Holy Spirit. The world sees his light that was made flesh, follows and chases it. Since the Apostles are the fulfilment of the mission of Jesus, they are the Light. They are the light of Word, Truth, Righteousness, Holiness, Charity, Mercy of Christ in the Holy Spirit. The light is not the Gospel. Instead, the Apostle of the Lord is. The world will see the light of Christ in his Apostles and, as they have followed and chased the light of Christ, thus they will follow and chase the light that is the Apostle of Christ. Christ is the light from the eternal light of the Father, in the eternal light of the Father. The Apostle of the Lord is the light of the light of Christ, always in the light of Christ.

If the Apostle is not a light as Christ

is a light, he might even preach and announce the Gospel, but no one will follow him. The world is in the darkness. If they listen only to words and they do not see the light, they will remain in their darkness in eternity. The world leaves the darkness only if the Apostle of the Lord is light from the light and in the light of Christ Jesus and if every day he becomes a brighter and more shining light. Here is the truth of our mission: the light of Christ shining on the face of the Apostle of Jesus the Lord. If the Apostle of the Lord is a quenched light, no one will follow Christ the Lord through him. However, the Apostle must not be temporary light. He must be perennial light. He must be like the sun starting with a faint light and the reaches its utmost splendour in the core of the day. As Jesus reached the utmost splendour of the light on the cross, thus must be for every Apostle of Christ the Lord. From the splendour of his light, every other member of the body of Christ will have to draw the light to illuminate the world that lies in the darkness and in the shadow of the death. If the light of the Apostle is quenched, the entire body of Christ will have a decrease in light. It will be a great loss for the earth. It will not follow the light. It will remain in the darkness. May the Mother of Jesus come to our rescue so that we grow from light to light from the light, in the light of Jesus the Lord.



IF YOU LISTEN...

○ clement, ○ loving, ○ sweet Virgin Mary

Our holy faith about the Virgin Mary confesses that She is clement, loving, sweet. Clemency, piety, sweetness are three great virtues. They reveal the essence of truth, charity, mercy, holiness of the Mother of God and our mother. Today it is right to cry out a truth to every disciple of Jesus. The one who loves the Mother of Jesus according to truth is called to imitate Her in her holy virtues: clemency, sweetness, piety. These virtues alone are not enough. These virtues are effective if wondrously embedded in wisdom, in fortitude, in counsel, in science, in understanding, in the fear of the Lord, in every other virtue. The Virgin Mary is a model of these virtues. She is the mirror in which every virtue is reflected at the utmost of its perfection. Clemency, sweetness, piety are of no use without the firmness in closing with the sin with a strong, firm, immediate no. Appealing to the mercy of our Mother is of no use, if we forget that the mercy, the compassion is always in view of our repentance. Believing in her love for the sinners is of no use, if we forget

that her love is perennial prayer for our conversion.

If we separate the virtues - we take one and we leave the other ones - we build up a religion of immorality and of great falsity on the earth. Today have we not taken the mercy of our God separating it from all the other virtues? We deprive God of his righteous judgement and of his faithfulness to every Word come out of his mouth, and we make Him a non-God. Why do we do a non-God? Because we deprive Him of his essential truth. He is not a spectator of the life that one lives on earth to open the gates of the kingdom of heaven in the end. Instead, He is a careful observatory of the life of every man for tomorrow He will have to judge everyone according to his deeds, his thoughts, his words, his omissions. Here is why it is needed to embed every virtue in the other virtues, in all the other virtues, in the same way as every Word of the Scripture must be embedded in all the other Words. One only Word makes us heretics, great idolaters, great immoral people.

Virgin Mary, clement Mother, Loving Mother, sweet Mother, Mother of Redemption, teach us to live your virtues with utmost truth. Angels and Saints of God, help us. We want to imitate our most sweet Mother. May every virtue of our Mother be precious ornament for our life.

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FROM JACOB'S WELL

The Christian, upon the example of Christ, is called to do everything well. That thing that is pleasing to the Lord is a good thing. Only the deed that He commands is pleasing to the Lord, and if the commanded deed is done in the Holy Spirit with wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, science, fear of the Lord, piety. Christ Jesus is never from his will. He is never from his heart or his mind. He is always from the will of the Father. He does all things for obedience. However, He is also perennially moved and led by the Spirit of the Lord. Being always from the Father and from the Holy Spirit, He can do all things well. The one who is not from the will of God and from the Holy Spirit can never do even one thing well. His deeds can never be pleasing to the Father. They are not perfect fulfilment of his will.

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

Why does one affirm that Christ Jesus is the only Redeemer and Saviour of man? Can one state such affirmation, today, in a multi-ethnic and multiracial society?

Christ Jesus is the Only Begotten Son of the Father. The creation is his deed. The Father has done all things through his means. Man, too, has been created through Him, in his view. With the disobedience, man has ruined himself. He can no longer repair himself by himself. The Father has constituted his Son the Redeemer and Saviour of every man with eternal decree. The Son was made flesh and has come to create man again, but in an even more wondrous way than his first creation. He alone is the Redeemer, for He alone releases from the bonds of death paying a price that no man ever may pay. Christ Jesus redeems us pouring his blood as price. So great is the love toward man not only to save, but to deliver by redemption, with the pouring of his blood, offered to the Father in sacrifice of sweet odour. Today the thought of Satan has entered the Church with full power. What is this thought producing? The destruction of the truth of Christ Jesus. Only Christ Jesus is the Only Begotten Son of the Father that is born for us. He alone is the Prince of peace. He alone is the wondrous Counsellor, He alone is the Saviour and He alone is the Redeemer, He alone has poured his blood for our liberation from every slavery.

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Satan, destroying the truth of Christ the Lord, does nothing but making our slavery even heavier. The one who falls in his traps of lie and of falsity not only returns in the slavery from which he was delivered, he enters an even greater slavery. What is this even greater slavery today? It is the reduction of man to pure animal, with animal life. It is also the reduction of man to a machine, with a life similar in all to that of a machine. It is the slavery of the loss of man of his divine, supernatural, eternal truth. The fruit of this most sad slavery are evident by now: the loss of man of his eternal hope and his enchainment of the narrow spaces of time. Since only the time is the horizon of man's life, then everyone can do what he wants. He can abandon himself to every vice, every transgression, every immorality, every idolatry. Over time, one must succeed even at the cost of suppressing the entire humanity. This is the slavery of selfishness, of violence, of pride, of subjugation. A man without the supernatural hope is deprived of every life. His is a death in time and it is death in eternity. Before every society and civilization there is man and man is the one who needs redemption and salvation.

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This man welcomes sinners and eats with them
Underselling Christ Jesus to the thought of the world
Hail, Mary

From what can we know the one who is governed by wisdom and the one who is governed by foolishness?
Are there any infallible criterion for such a discernment?

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