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You are the light of the world

God is light. He is eternal light of truth, charity, word, holiness, love, righteousness, mercy, compassion, grace, piety, benevolence, will of salvation and of redemption for every man. The one who is in communion with God, through participation of the divine nature in Christ, through the work of the Holy Spirit, he must also be light of truth, charity, word, holiness, love, righteousness, mercy, compassion, grace, piety, benevolence, will of salvation and of redemption for every man. The divine nature, of which we have become participant, demands it. Jesus in his divine nature is eternal Light in the eternal and divine, immaculate and most pure light, in which the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit are. Jesus, in his divine Person is eternal Light from the eternal Light of the Father, begotten, uncreated Light. In his human nature He participates in the highest way in the eternal light that the Father is, in the Holy Spirit. In Christ Jesus there has never been one only atom of darkness. In Him everything has been most pure and most holy light. The obedience of Christ to his Father has been most pure,

most holy, most perfect.

The one who is made participant of the divine nature can take neither in his soul, nor in his spirit, not even one atom of darkness. It would be like darkening the divine nature. One must be holy as God is Holy. Perfect as God is perfect. Merciful and righteous as God is Merciful and Righteous. A law, an edict, a declaration, a document, a statute of man, one of his decrees can never turn into darkness and into unrighteousness

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the nature of God that is most pure light, righteousness, truth. Today this is done on every level instead. If even one only law of men was able to change the divine nature, then by law of men everything would change by nature. The law of man will never change the nature of things. God remains God eternally. Christ Jesus remains Christ Jesus eternally. The Holy Spirit remains the Holy Spirit eternally. Righteousness remains righteousness eternally. Truth remains truth eternally. The Church remains the Church eternally. The nature of man remains nature of man eternally. Man may even declare evil good and good evil. Evil remains evil and good remains good.



LAMP UNTO MY FEET

One only Model and one only Teacher

Every Christian has one only Model to imitate and one only Teacher to listen: Christ Jesus. Jesus is the Eternal Son of the Father, his Eternal Incarnated Word to give, in flesh, as true man, every glory to his Father. How does He give every glory to the Father? Acknowledging Him as the only Lord of his will, of his heart, of his mind, of his body. Offering Him will, heart, mind, soul, body so that each of his Word may be turned into life through a full obedience, with no interruption, not to an imaginary Word, though, but to every Word written in the Law in the Prophets, in the Psalms. As Christ Jesus is the obedience to the Father, annihilating himself until a death by crucifixion, so also the Christian is the one who, in Christ, with Christ, through Christ, lives to give glory to Christ Jesus. How will he give glory to Him? Through an obedience similar in all to that of Jesus the Lord: living every Word written for Him on every Tablet of the New Testament, Word read in the Holy Spirit and in the Holy Spirit drawn in the fullness of its truth. Here is then the choice that the Christian must fulfil daily, rather moment after moment: doing nothing for his glory. We know that the Apostle Paul even renounced to essential rights not to

obscure the glory of Christ Jesus. Moreover, everything he did, he did it with one only and unique aim: gaining someone to Christ Jesus. Not only did he do everything for the glory of Christ in his body, in his spirit, in his soul: spirit, soul and body were entirely at the service of

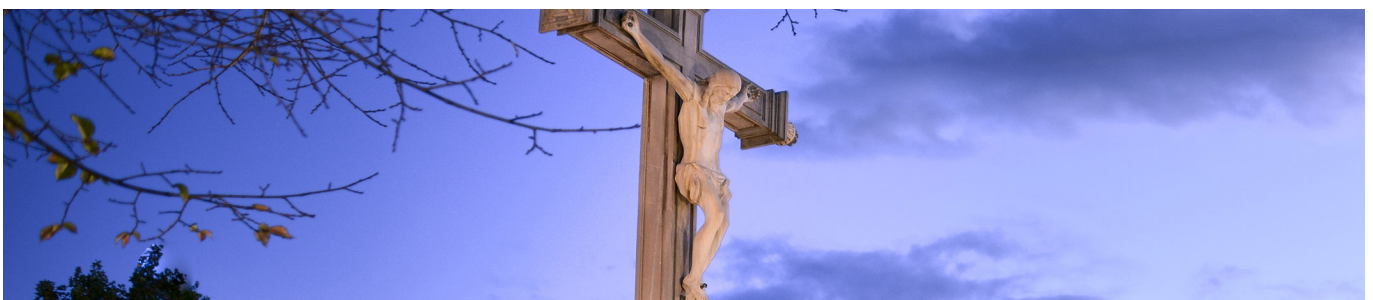
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Christ to gain someone to Christ. Here is then the question that every disciple must ask his heart: "Does what I do give the greatest glory to Christ Jesus?" Not only must he give glory to Christ Jesus: he must give Him the greatest glory. Christ did not give glory to his Father. He gave Him the highest, the greatest, the holiest, the most perfect glory.

And also: "Is what I am doing useful to gain some souls to Christ the Lord?" If it is of no use to gain some souls to Christ, it is useless that I do it. If, through my life, I do not gain someone to Christ, my life can never certainly give glory neither to the Father nor to Jesus. What I do is of use only for myself, but it is of use for myself vainly and uselessly. Why, if I do not gain someone to Christ, is everything I do vain and useless for me too? Because all the works do not bear one atom of eternal glory for me. Rather, they deprive me of it, for neither the Father nor Christ can

reward me, neither in life nor after my death giving me fruits of blessed eternity. Today here is where all the vanity and the uselessness of all the works that the Christian fulfils are: with them, he does not gain anyone to Christ, with them he often takes away from Christ, with them one declares Christ useless, with them he denies the entire Gospel of Christ. What is the use of working for vanity and uselessness? Yet, today this is the style according to which the Christian has decided to live. Whoever follows this style should know that he will never receive one only gram of eternal reward. He consumes his life on earth vainly. He loses the blessed eternity that will be given to those disciples of Jesus who have spent their life to bring someone to the Gospel, in the light and in the truth of Christ the Lord. May the Mother of God, who did everything for the greatest glory of God, help us imitate Her for all the days of our life.

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IF YOU LISTEN...

His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him

When we speak about mercy, we mean the abyssal greatness of God's love that is poured on us first as love of creation, and in the act of creation, as blessing and abundance of life, both spiritual and physical. After sin, mercy is promise of forgiveness, of reconciliation, of creation of the new heart. In man, everything is from the grace of God. Everything is from the bestowing of his divine goodness. Everything is from his eternal mercy. Everything is from his limitless love. This love precedes every decision of man and every motion of his will. It is offered to everyone. No one has ever been excluded from it. One must always live mercy in the greatest righteousness. Righteousness is God's faithfulness to each of his Word. What is then the Word of God in order to his mercy? It is simply that: by only mercy God calls us to let ourselves be clothed with his love, with his truth, with his grace, with each of his blessing. The gift of God is given to us under condition, though: we must live it entirely, today and always, in his

Word, in obedience to each of his will, in response of each of his command.

Today we must complain that one is teaching a mercy without God's faithfulness to each of his Word, with no fear of the Lord, with no righteousness and with no righteous judgement of God. Not only. One is teaching the denial of faithfulness, of righteousness, of the righteous judgement. God judges no one both because hell has been declared a miserable literary genre of the past, only a tale, and also because one is teaching that there is no need of any faith in the name of Christ to be saved. If one needs no faith to be saved, it means that one needs any Divine Revelation. Since the entire theology and the morality of the past times were founded on the Divine Revelation, since that the Divine Revelation is of no longer use for the salvation, neither the old theology nor the old morality, the old faith are of use. Since also the Church is part of the Divine Revelation, if the Divine Revelation is of no use, the Church is of no use either. If

the Church is of no use, why should the sacraments be of use? Here is then the great declaration of many children of the Church: baptizing and not baptizing are the same thing. What is the use of baptizing if the salvation is for everyone? With this declaration, one decrees the death of the Church. But all the thoughts of the Christian today are a manifesto in which one declares, with more or less veiled words, the Divine Revelation.

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FROM JACOB'S WELL

Ministers of the Word, theologians, professors in the teaching of the divine truths must know that they are responsible before God today and on the judgement: of each transformation, alteration, modification, change, even of one only jot and even of one atom of truth removed from the Law of the Lord; of the non-leading, under the guide and the motion of the Holy Spirit, of the disciples of Jesus to the entire truth; of the non-perfect exemplarity of a perfectly evangelical life. One is responsible also of all the evils of the Church and of the world that the non-proclamation of the Word produces. Whoever had to deny the truth even of one only Word of the Divine Revelation is responsible of all the sins of the world that this denial prompts to commit.

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

When can a person say to be from truth and why today is truth declared falsity and falsity is raised to truth by everyone?

To be from the truth, one needs to want it. Without a firm, resolute, determined will, one can never be from the truth. Being from the truth even demands the renouncing of one's own life. One is from truth if, like Christ Jesus, he is willing to let himself be nailed on the cross. The one who must care for his own interests or for someone else's interests can never be from the truth. No earthly interest can ever be cared by the truth. They can be cared only from falsity, from overbearingness, from abuse, from violence, from deceit, from the sacrifice not of one only man, but of a multitude of men. Being from truth is living for the defence and the testimony of truth. Living the truth and testifying it costs the denial and the annihilation of our own life. The world can never be from truth. It will be from the truth that it builds every day; it will never be from truth, for it does not know it. Truth is entirely at the service of the kingdom of God. At the service of the kingdom of earth what is important is the strength, the overbearingness, the abuse, the usurpation, the occupation. The one who is from truth never denies one only fundamental right of the human person. A fundamental right is not to condemn the one who has not violated any law neither divine nor human. The one who violate even one of the little fundamental rights of

the human person is not from truth but from falsity.

Today many Christians sacrifice the truth of the human nature to their empire that can be scientific, economic, financial, political. Today how many Christians are sacrificing their conscience to the party supported by them? They are the Christians with the conscience always expendable and suppressible. They are the Christians with the great spiritual prostitution. For a miserable earthly interest, they prostitute themselves to every falsity, to every lie, to every unrighteousness and today even to every crime. For a miserable mundane glory, they sell soul and spirit and even body. Today many are those who prostitute themselves for nothingness in spirit and in soul. Because of such prostitution of the Christian one is raising horrible crime, atrocious murders to rights of the human person. If the world wants to walk in falsity and in crime, may

it be the one that does it. That the Christian may give his approval so that falsity and crimes receive right of citizenship in the world, this will never have to happen. Here is why the testimony of the truth always costs the sacrifice of our life. May the Mother of God come to our rescue.

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Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees

The law of forgiveness is the law of prayer

He has dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart

What does it mean that faith is true if it is true human act? But first: what is necessary so that one makes an act of faith?

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