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Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect

My Father, who is also your Father, perfect in love, has given me for your salvation. I, perfect in love, have given myself as Crucified for your salvation. You, in me, with me, through me, must let yourselves be given by my Father for the salvation of your brothers. You, in me, with me, through me, must give yourselves from the cross for the redemption of every man. Can the one who is called in Christ to offer himself for the redemption of his brothers hate? If he must give his life for the others, can he deny the others his possessions, if in the gift of live every other possession both spiritual and material that one has is included? Here is the news of our love: to the beauty of the love of righteousness and of holiness that is commanded by God in the Old Testament, the Christian must add the sublimity of the crucified love of Christ Jesus. The Crucified makes the difference between the love commanded in the Old Testament and that commanded in the New.

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Crucified is either non-love or very imperfect love. Another truth: having we to love in the image of the Crucified, can us resist the evil? Jesus has let himself be crucified by evil. He has even given his cloak and garment. For the evil He ahs poured his blood so that they may let themselves be reconciled with God. Before such a high example, there are no earthly reasons that may abrogate this eternal Law of Christ Jesus, Law that He has lived, making Himself obedient to it until the death of cross. This commandment declares every riot, every fight, every contraposition, every war, every violence non-Christian. The one who does not imitate Christ Jesus also in this commandment can

never say to be Christian. Instead, today the Christian is a fomenter of every riot, every fight, every violence, every offence, even very serious, caused to God, to his nature, to each of his brother and does such things with the blessing of the ones who, by now, have as their unique law the thought of man. May the Mother of God never let us bless what the lord can never bless: the sin and the transgression of his Law.

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LAMP UNTO MY FEET

Working for the robbers or working for us?

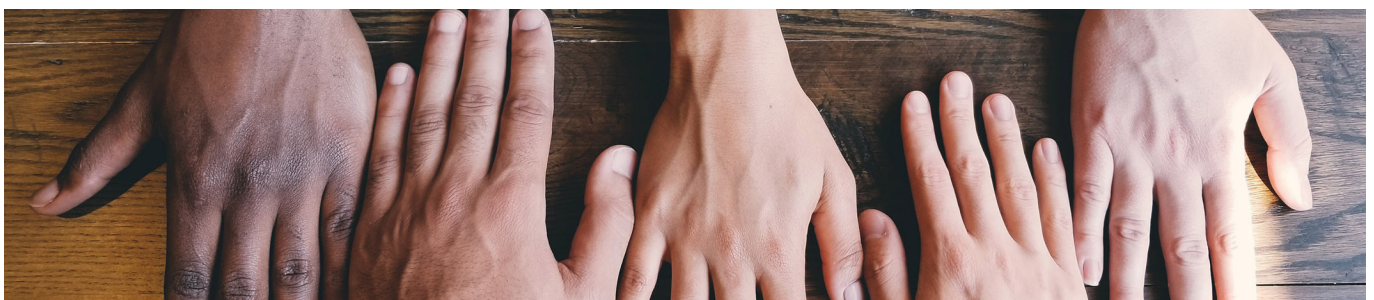
The Holy Spirit, through Ecclesiastes, reveals that man is obedience to the Commandments of the Lord. In the obedience, man is. In disobedience, man is not. This means that one loves man if he loves the commandments of the Lord. If he does not love the Commandments of the Lord, one does not love him. A man who does not love himself according to truth can never love neither God nor the brothers according to truth: "The last word, when all is heard: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is man's" (Eccl. 12,13). The treasure is the most precious thing that a man has. If the treasure is God, the heart is in God. If the treasure is Christ Jesus, the heart is in Christ. If the treasure is the Holy Spirit, the heart is in the Holy Spirit. If the treasure is the Mother of God and our Mother, the heart is in the Mother of God and our Mother. If the treasure is the Gospel, our heart is in the Gospel. If the treasure is the Church, our heart is in the Church. If the treasure is the salvation of the souls, our heart is in the salvation of the souls. If our treasure is the eternal life, also our heart is in the eternal life. Instead, if our treasure is the trivial, ephemeral, vain richness of this world, also our

heart is in such trivial, miserable, vain, ephemeral richness of the earth. If our treasure are the vices, our heart will always be in them and consumed by them. If our treasure are the virtues instead, our heart will always be enlivened so that it gives fulfilment to every obedience of the Law of the Lord. Obedience gives life. Disobedience gives death. In the accumulation of richness man is no, for he is from death. This is the great foolishness of man: accumulating richness, becoming idolater, losing soul and body for eternity. Utmost foolishness and ignorance!

The Holy Spirit, through the mouth of Christ Jesus, reveals every man a truth that has been, is and will always be confirmed by history: what one accumulates is for the robbers who burgles and steal and it is also for moths and rust that consume all things. Today the robbers have refined their techniques. They have invented new strategies to steal in an almost invisible way. These techniques and strategies are so sophisticated to be able to unclot man of all his richness accumulated with effort, without him neither suspects it. Today the news attest that the

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Word of Christ Jesus is truly most pure truth. There is no safe place on earth where to keep the richness accumulated with effort. The only safe place is the bank of heaven, instead. How does one deposit the richness in this divine bank? Giving, of everything that exceeds, works of alms and of corporal mercy. Thus the Holy Spirit says: "Because of the precept, help the needy, and in their want, do not send them away empty-handed. Spend your money for your brother and friend, and hide it not under a stone to perish; Dispose of your treasure as the Most High commands, for that will profit you more than the gold. Store up almsgiving in your treasure house, and it will save you from every evil; Better than a stout shield and a sturdy spear it will fight for you against the foe." (cf. Sir 29,1-13). It is most pure truth. The Word of Jesus is always fulfilled. The accumulated richness will always be for robbers and burglars, for moths and rust. They lock the gates of the kingdom of heaven for us. No accumulator of richness will never enter the eternal kingdom. His heart is not in heaven for his treasure is the richness. May the Mother of God help us make our life a sacrifice for the salvation of the world.



IF YOU LISTEN...

He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones

The ruler is thrown down from his throne by the same strength in which he placed his trust. His is a foolish, ignorant, wicked, vain might, against man. It is a might from which it is not born the true universal good, but only a false and liar particular good, false good of some ones against the true good of the others, false good of few ones against the true good of many. This might that seeks the false good is not blessed by God, and everything that God does not bless goes to ruin, collapses, is destroyed. Every kingdom, every nation, every population, every tribe, every family that has built his glory on the might and arrogance, oppression and abuse, robbery and murder, theft and sacrilege, fraud and deprivation of the rights of the human person, false rights raised to law and true rights cancelled by law; all these realities arising in history have their days numbered. The Lord only asks to always remain in his Word, to obey it. No one should think to fight the unrighteousness with other unrighteousness, the violence with other violence. Whoever fights

violence with violence places himself out of the evangelic Law of Christ Jesus. Before every unrighteous and evil might, the man of faith will have to remain in his faith.

With the eyes of the Holy Spirit, the Virgin Mary contemplates the history of the world, of the past, of the present and of the future and proclaims what has been, is and will be his law: every might will be destructive of itself. Many Christians today profess themselves as devoted children of the Virgin Mary. We must say that this confession is an act of true hypocrisy. Professing oneself as devoted children of the Mother of God is not enough, one must also think according to the heart of the Mother of God and proclaim the truth of God as She has proclaimed it. Can the one who walks in the history clothed with hellish darkness ever be devoted child of the Woman clothed with the sun, since with his words he does nothing but abrogating the entire Divine Revelation and every supernatural and eternal mystery? Can he ever say to be child of the

Mother of Wisdom, he who with his foolish and ignorant words affirms and proclaims that God is only mercy and that He accepts everybody in his eternal kingdom? The true devotion toward the Virgin Mary consists of that: of thinking as She thinks, of obeying the Word of the Lord as She obeys, of speaking of God with most pure truth as She speaks, of loving her Son, Christ Jesus, as She loves Him. Of believing in the Divine Word as She believes. If we do not think as She does, our devotion is only great hypocrisy. We hide behind her love to deceive our brothers.

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FROM JACOB'S WELL

As the fruits make know the nature of the tree, so every man of God is known from the fruits he bears. On the mouth of Christ Jesus, the word is most pure truth. It says and things are fulfilled. He did all things with his almighty Word. One only of his Word uttered and the history of a person was transformed. Is the word of the Christian, today, on his mouth, most pure truth of God? If it is not most pure truth of God, no one can come to the true faith in Christ Jesus. Can a man ever say that God visits his people with the Christian, if the word of the Christian does not fulfil the great wonders of the Lord? Today the poorness of the Christian is poorness of Word and of non-faith in the Word. The Word of Jesus does not resonate on his mouth. The world sees him and remains world.

IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Responses of Faith

What is faithfulness? What is perseverance? Can these two virtues be lived also without love or is love the essence of them?

Our God is the eternal faithful. He is faithful to every Word uttered by Him. He has never been unfaithful to one only Word come out of his mouth. The son who abandons the dwelling of the Father is not faithful in his obligations of love. Instead, the Father remains faithful to his love of Father and accepts the son who repented and humiliated turns back to Him. History is war, contrast, riot, quarrel, genocide, hatred, envy, suppression, crucifixion, death, revolution, but also famine, extreme poorness, endless misery, pestilence. In this sea of the history always stormy, what does Jesus ask his disciples? One only thing: to remain faithful to the Word given to Christ Jesus, to his Gospel, to his truth, to his righteousness, to his holiness. One remains faithful living in the Gospel, obeying each of his Word. In obedience is the eternal life. In disobedience is the eternal death. In faith is the endless life. In unfaithfulness is the perdition forever. The Christian does not ask Christ Jesus to deliver him from history that will always be stormy. Instead, he asks for the grace to remain faithful to the Word.

One remains faithful obeying every Word of Christ Jesus every day. The obedience is perfect if perfect is the love with which one obeys. When love is imperfect, also

the obedience is imperfect. Here is what the Holy Spirit says: "To the angel of the church in Ephesus, write this: " 'The one who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks in the midst of the seven gold lampstands says this: "I know your works, your labor, and your endurance, and that you cannot tolerate the wicked; you have tested those who call themselves apostles but are not, and discovered that they are impostors. Moreover, you have endurance and have suffered for my name, and you have not grown weary. Yet I hold this against you: you have lost the love you had at first. Realize how far you have fallen. Repent, and do the works you did at first. Otherwise, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. But you have this in your favor: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. " "Whoever has ears ought to hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the victor I will give the right to eat from the tree of life that is in the garden of God.'" (Rev 2,1-7). One walks from faith to faith, walking from imperfect love to more and more perfect love. In any storm of history, neither the most savage and inhuman, cruel and pitiless one, the disciple must fall from love. Rather, the more the storm rages and the more his love will have to be greater.

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He has lifted up the lowly

Why is the one who takes no offense at Jesus blessed? What is the way so that we take no offense at Christ Jesus in any moment and for anything?

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