**Do you want to leave too?**

**SATURDAY APRIL 24 (Jn 6, 60-69)**

The salvation of man is from the truth and grace of Christ; and from Christ are the truth and grace of salvation for every man. A Christ without truth and grace is useless. Christ, truth and grace are one. Christ is welcomed if his truth and grace are welcomed. His truth is not welcomed, and Christ with his grace is not welcomed. A Christ separated from grace and truth is useless. This principle of eternal life also applies to the Apostles of the Lord, who bring the truth and grace of salvation into the world of Christ for every man. The Apostle Paul announces Christ to his brothers according to the flesh. They reject it. He addresses the pagans. He cannot give himself to his brothers without giving Christ Jesus. Christ, truth, grace, the Apostle are one, inseparable forever. This is the truth that no Apostle will ever have to forget: *“When he entered Rome, Paul was allowed to live by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him. Three days later he called together the leaders of the Jews. When they had gathered he said to them, "My brothers, although I had done nothing against our people or our ancestral customs, I was handed over to the Romans as a prisoner from Jerusalem. After trying my case the Romans wanted to release me, because they found nothing against me deserving the death penalty. But when the Jews objected, I was obliged to appeal to Caesar, even though I had no accusation to make against my own nation. This is the reason, then, I have requested to see you and to speak with you, for it is on account of the hope of Israel that I wear these chains. " They answered him, "We have received no letters from Judea about you, nor has any of the brothers arrived with a damaging report or rumor about you. But we should like to hear you present your views, for we know that this sect is denounced everywhere. "*

*So they arranged a day with him and came to his lodgings in great numbers. From early morning until evening, he expounded his position to them, bearing witness to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus from the law of Moses and the prophets. Some were convinced by what he had said, while others did not believe. Without reaching any agreement among themselves they began to leave; then Paul made one final statement. "Well did the holy Spirit speak to your ancestors through the prophet Isaiah, saying: 'Go to this people and say: You shall indeed hear but not understand. You shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people; they will not hear with their ears; they have closed their eyes, so they may not see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and be converted, and I heal them. ' Let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen. " He remained for two full years in his lodgings. He received all who came to him, and with complete assurance and without hindrance he proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ. "(Acts 28,16-31).*Christ Jesus, truth, grace, word, Apostle are one, always.

*Then many of his disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe. " Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many (of) his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."*

Jesus does not separate himself from his truth. Not even the Apostle must ever be separated from his truth. Evils arise in the Church when the Apostle separates himself from his truth.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, let us never separate ourselves from our truth.