**Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father**

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 17 (Jn 5, 17-30)**

Who is Jesus for the Father? We can deduce this, even if partially, from what the Apostle Paul says to the Colossians: *"Therefore, from the day we heard this, we do not cease praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding to live in a manner worthy of the Lord, so as to be fully pleasing, in every good work bearing fruit and growing in the knowledge of God, strengthened with every power, in accord with his glorious might, for all endurance and patience, with joy* *giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross (through him), whether those on earth or those in heaven. " (Col 1, 3-20).*The Son is the *"Eternal Fruit of the Father",*but also the *"Incarnate Fruit which is always in the bosom of the Father."* And again: Christ Jesus for the Father is the Savior, the Redeemer, the grace, the truth, the eternal life, the light, the one and universal Mediator. Everything is Christ Jesus for the Father and everything must happen for Christ, but also in Christ and for Christ. The Father comes to us through Christ Jesus. We go to the Father through Christ Jesus. Without Christ the Lord, on earth there is no knowledge of the true God and no knowledge of the truth of man. Without Lord Jesus we would be enveloped by a monstrous knowledge neither of God, nor of man, nor of time and nor of eternity.

*But Jesus answered them, "My Father is at work until now, so I am at work." For this reason the Jews tried all the more to kill him, because he not only broke the sabbath but he also called God his own father, making himself equal to God. Jesus answered and said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, a son cannot do anything on his own, but only what he sees his father doing; for what he does, his son will do also. For the Father loves his Son and shows him everything that he himself does, and he will show him greater works than these, so that you may be amazed. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives life, so also does the Son give life to whomever he wishes. Nor does the Father judge anyone, but he has given all judgment to his Son, so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life and will not come to condemnation, but has passed from death to life. Amen, amen, I say to you, the hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himsel f, so also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself. And he gave him power to exercise judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come out, those who have done good deeds to the resurrection of life, but those who have done wicked deeds to the resurrection of condemnation. "I cannot do anything on my own; I judge as I hear, and my judgment is just, because I do not seek my own will but the will of the one who sent me.*

If the Father works everything through Christ Jesus, if Christ Jesus and the Father are one, indivisible forever, and if Jesus is the true presence of the Father on our earth because he was sent by him to be manifested in fullness of truth, it is evident that whoever does not honor Christ does not honor God. Whoever says he is honoring God will necessarily have to honor Christ Jesus. They are one. Today, the idea that Jesus is no longer necessary for salvation is creeping into the minds of many Christians. Every way is good to go to God. One can certainly go to a God without a name and without a face. However, one cannot go to the Father of heaven, who is the living and true God, the only God the Creator, Lord, Redeemer of man. One can only go to the Father through Christ. He is the way.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, make us profess the right faith in Christ.