**Peace I leave you, my peace I give you**

**TUESDAY MAY 4 (Jn 14, 27-31)**

The peace of man with God, man with man, and man with the universe is Christ Jesus. He is not only the Prince of peace, but he is the peace itself. There is no real peace if not in Him, with Him, for Him. To separate Christ Jesus and peace is as though we wanted to separate the oceans from the waters. On the one hand there is water and on the other the oceans. The prophecies are all in agreement. We mention only three: *“For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, From David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains By judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this! "(Is 9, 5-6). " Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, Meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; The warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. "(Zac 9,9-10). " But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; Whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. (Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, And the rest of his brethren shall return to the children of Israel.) He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; And they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace. If Assyria invades our country and treads upon our land, We shall raise against it seven shepherds, eight men of royal rank; "(Mi 5, 1-4).*If Christ is the peace and peace in Him, with Him, through Him is drawn and lived, why does the Christian who knows this truth separates the peace from Christ Jesus? Why does he reject Christ and ask the Father for peace? Whoever rejects Christ rejects the peace. Whoever denies Christ denies peace. Whoever is ashamed of Christ is ashamed of peace. True faith is also deductive and logical consistency.

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe. I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world is coming. He has no power over me, but the world must know that I love the Father and that I do just as the Father has commanded me. Get up, let us go.*

The peace is Christ, it is in Christ, it lives for Christ and with Christ. But what are the rules for living in peace, living in Christ. We report only those revealed by the Apostle Paul in the Letter to the Romans: *“Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality. Bless those who persecute (you), bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation. Do not repay anyone evil for evil; be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, on your part, live at peace with all. Beloved, do not look for revenge but leave room for the wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." Rather, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head." Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good. "(Rom 12, 9-21).*Whoever wants to be a man of peace, always in Christ, with Christ, for Christ, must scrupulously follow these rules. Another rule of peace is the whole Sermon on the Mount. It is also the hymn to Charity from the First Letter to the Corinthians. The whole Gospel is the Law of Peace.

Mother of the Redemption, Angels, Saints, let us observe all the rules of peace.