**BRIEF PORTRAIT OF CHRIST JESUS**

**THE ETERNAL AND UNIVERSAL NECESSARY**

The Holy Spirit, through the Prophetic Scriptures of the New Testament, reveals that the unity of the entire creation can and must be fulfilled only in Christ, with Christ, through Christ. Every being called to existence by his Creator and Lord is made up of billions of atoms and of molecules. These billions of atoms and of molecules find their unity in having been called to existence by God for a well-precise purpose to fulfil. Then, the entire universe is made up of billions and billions of beings. Where do all these beings find their unity so that they may fulfil the purpose written in them by their Lord? In the wisdom, in the light, in the truth of the Word through whose means they were created. Thus is for every single man and of the entire humanity. Every single man, as well, finds his unity and the purpose to bring to fruition and to completion in the wisdom, in the truth, in the light, in the life, in the grace that is of the Word and that, through the Word, was given to him as participatory by creation. But, also, the entire human genre finds its unity and its purpose always and only in the wisdom, in the light, in the truth of the Word and with the Word, through Whom it has come and comes into existence.

If one removes Christ from both visible and invisible universe, it loses its unity and the purpose for which it was made, as well. Thus is also for humanity. If it turns away from Christ, it is disintegrated in itself for it deprives itself of the wisdom, truth, light of Christ, in whom and with whom it will always have to exist. While the inanimate universe obeys Christ by a law written in every atom and molecule of his being, man must obey Christ through the listening of the Word that shows him not only the light, the wisdom, the life, but also the purpose of his existence. This one must always be lived so that the purpose may be achieved. Indeed, as soon as man was created by God in his image and likeness, his Creator has immediately manifested the purpose for which he was made and this purpose is the essence of his being. Purpose and essence are the same thing in man. If the purpose is not achieved because of the disobedience to the received command, the essence does not live, it is in death. Tempted and seduced by the serpent, man wanted to make himself according to his will. Not only has he not made himself, moreover he has precipitated in death and he is surrounded by foolishness and by darkness.

Thus, the Book of Sirach reveals the creation of man: “*The LORD from the earth created man, and in his own image he made him. Limited days of life he gives him and makes him return to earth again. He endows man with a strength of his own, and with power over all things else on earth. He puts the fear of him in all flesh, and gives him rule over beasts and birds. He forms men's tongues and eyes and ears, and imparts to them an understanding heart. With wisdom and knowledge he fills them; good and evil he shows them. He looks with favor upon their hearts, and shows them his glorious works, That they may describe the wonders of his deeds and praise his holy name. He has set before them knowledge, a law of life as their inheritance; An everlasting covenant he has made with them, his commandments he has revealed to them. His majestic glory their eyes beheld, his glorious voice their ears heard. He says to them, "Avoid all evil"; each of them he gives precepts about his fellow men.”* (Sir 17, 1-14) Wondrous and perfect revelation!

In the passage by disobedience from light, from life, from wisdom to darkness, to death, to foolishness, man has disintegrated himself in his unity. Lost the unity of his being, he might no longer fulfil the purpose for which he was created. He has turned away from his Creator and from the creation in an irreversible way. Man is not in the condition to recompose in unity and not even the entire humanity is in the condition to recompose in unity. The heavenly Father has decided, by eternal and universal Decree, that his Word, the One through the means of whom man was created, was also the One through the means of whom man returned into his unity. Not only. The Father has determined, always by eternal and universal Decree, that the man’s unity with every other man was fulfilled not only through the means of Christ, but in Him and with Him. How? In becoming, every man, body of Christ, life of his life, flesh of his flesh, blood of his blood, heart of his heart, will of his will, wisdom of his wisdom, truth and light of his truth and of his light. All of this is fulfilled in Christ, through Christ, with Christ, through the faith in Christ and the uninterrupted work of the Holy Spirit, who has the mission to conform every man to Christ, through the sacraments the Church celebrates, to be life of his life. This is the eternal and universal Decree of the Father, of the Creator and of the Lord of man: “*Every man must recompose in unity becoming part of the body of Christ, living the life of Christ in his body. Living life in his own body, everyone must call every other man so that he lets himself be formed as body of Christ to become and be part of the body of Christ, body of his body*.” If this eternal and universal Decree of the Father is disregarded, despised, ignored, tampered, altered, transformed, no unity might ever be fulfilled.

We may even propose, for the re-creation and fulfilment of the unity of the single man and of the own human genre, “decrees thought, imagined, designed, developed with the wisdom coming from flesh.” However, they remain plans on paper. No plan that disregards the eternal and universal Decree of our God, Lord, Creator and Father might ever be fulfilled. If it could be fulfilled, the eternal and universal Decree of the Father would be uninfluential, not necessary, not mandatory for every man and for all men. Neither would it be necessary for the entire creation. On the contrary, the Holy Spirit reveals, through the mouth of the Apostles of Christ Jesus and of each of his Hagiographer, that the eternal and universal Decree of the Father is unmodifiable in eternity. To no man and not even to the Angels of heaven it is given to declare what the Father has determined in his divine and eternal benevolence as null. This means that if we declared the eternal and universal Decree of the Father null, we would condemn the creation, man and the entire humanity to a fragmentation from where there is no return. Every fragmentation is death. One does not achieve the purpose. One might never achieve it. Without Christ, man remains fragmented in eternity. Every fragmentation produces no life, but death. Here is how far the death in fragmentation can go: *The wrath of God is indeed being revealed from heaven against every impiety and wickedness of those who suppress the truth by their wickedness. For what can be known about God is evident to them, because God made it evident to them. Ever since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what he has made. As a result, they have no excuse; for although they knew God they did not accord him glory as God or give him thanks. Instead, they became vain in their reasoning, and their senseless minds were darkened. While claiming to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for the likeness of an image of mortal man or of birds or of four-legged animals or of snakes. Therefore, God handed them over to impurity through the lusts of their hearts for the mutual degradation of their bodies. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and revered and worshiped the creature rather than the creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. Therefore, God handed them over to degrading passions. Their females exchanged natural relations for unnatural, and the males likewise gave up natural relations with females and burned with lust for one another. Males did shameful things with males and thus received in their own persons the due penalty for their perversity. And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God handed them over to their undiscerning mind to do what is improper. They are filled with every form of wickedness, evil, greed, and malice; full of envy, murder, rivalry, treachery, and spite. They are gossips and scandalmongers and they hate God. They are insolent, haughty, boastful, ingenious in their wickedness, and rebellious toward their parents. They are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Although they know the just decree of God that all who practice such things deserve death, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them*. (Rm 1, 18-32) A very bleak picture, not only of yesterday, though, but of today, of tomorrow, of ever. This is what the fragmented man can produce. However, by law of men, this entire picture is declared love, dignity, right, elevation of the human person. According to the Revelation in which we believe with resolute and firm faith, this law of men is unrighteous and iniquitous, for it raises the moral evil to a right for every man. However, this does not mean that we have the license to despise the men who make the law of men their banner, in prostrating themselves in adoration as if it were their new God. The Christian is the one who despises nothing but offers his life for everyone so that whoever wants may convert and let himself be recreated by the Holy Spirit in his unity of origin, rather in an even greater unity. The Christian might never approve a law of man that despises and outrages the Law of the Lord, God, Creator, Saviour and Father of every man.

This is our faith, though. This very bleak picture warns us: no one should ever think that in the fragmentation of man, the disjointed elements live one next to the other as the molecules of flour together with the other molecules of the same sack. If this were possible, we would have a humanity that lies in death, in darkness, in foolishness, but in a serene way. One is in the same wineskin and remains in it. Instead, none of that. In the wineskin of man, every molecule rises up against every other molecule to devour it. In the wineskin of humanity, man rises up against man, people against people, nations against nations. We can well say that the wineskin in which humanity has fallen in is made up of fornication, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, witchcraft, enmity, discord, jealousy, dissension, divisions, factions, envies, drunkenness. Every day history shows us that we are all in this wineskin. Instead, we think, in a foolish way, as blind in spirit, that our laws, our philosophies, our anthropologies, our human and natural sciences are enough for the molecules of man and of people to be modified in the wineskin. If our laws were capable to change the instinct of sin of man even in a millionth part, then Christ Jesus would not be the eternal and universal Necessary in an absolute way. A part of man would evade his grace, light, truth, justice, word, holiness. Without Christ, without his grace, without his truth, without his mediation, not even one atom of man might never be recomposed in unity.

Every day history does nothing but telling us about our failures. However, each of us thinks that it was the other to fail the strategy, the science, the law to draft, the modality to apply. Then, we rise to power and not even then do we realize that the sea is stormy and that we have no possibility to calm it down. The sea becomes calm, if we jump into a great ocean of humbleness and restore Christ Jesus in his place, that is being the only name in which it is established since eternity that we can leave this wineskin of death to enter his body and become life of his life, light of his light, truth of his truth, peace of his peace, heart of his heart. Until man remains in the wineskin of flesh, the words the Apostle Paul says about himself, but as person in whom the entire humanity is enclosed, will always be fulfilled for him: *We know that the law is spiritual; but I am carnal, sold into slavery to sin. What I do, I do not understand. For I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I concur that the law is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. For I know that good does not dwell in me, that is, in my flesh. The willing is ready at hand, but doing the good is not. For I do not do the good I want, but I do the evil I do not want. Now if (I) do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. So, then, I discover the principle that when I want to do right, evil is at hand. For I take delight in the law of God, in my inner self, but I see in my members another principle at war with the law of my mind, taking me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Miserable one that I am! Who will deliver me from this mortal body? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, I myself, with my mind, serve the law of God but, with my flesh, the law of sin*. (Rm 7, 14-25) In this text, the entire tragedy of humanity that lies in the wineskin of flesh is enclosed. Only one can deliver us from the wineskin of flesh: the Holy Spirit. However, He delivers us through our faith in Christ Jesus. Here is why Christ must necessarily be preached to all those who are in the wineskin of flesh, so that, whoever wants, accepts the word of preaching that is the Word of Christ, believes in Christ, converts to Him, lets himself be baptised. Being born from water and from Holy Spirit, he is included in the body of Christ and becomes his body, his life, his truth, his light, his justice, his mercy, his peace.

A text of the Apostle Paul helps us understand why the preaching of the Word of Christ is necessary to believe in Christ and obtain the salvation: *For, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can people preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring (the) good news!" But not everyone has heeded the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what was heard from us?" Thus faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ*. (Rm 10, 9-17)

Then, it is a righteous thing to ask: to what extent do we believe that it is necessary to become body of Christ and to grow in it if we want to be delivered from the wineskin of flesh in which humanity lies as massed fighting each other? To what extent do we confess that only the body of Christ is the place of peace, of life, of communion, of concord, of justice, of truth, of light? To what extent do we love men to show them this necessary, absolute, universal, eternal, indispensable way to reach the true salvation? But prior to that: to what extent do we believe in Christ to obey each Word of Christ Jesus? In fact, the mission is not left to the will of each member of the body of Christ. The mission is fulfilled by obedience, to a precise command Christ Jesus gives to the Twelve: "*All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age*." (Mt 28, 18-20) Here is what Christ Jesus commands to the Twelve: that they go and make all people disciples. Their mission is not only that of making the Gospel known to all people. This alone is not the evangelizing mission. The evangelizing mission is going and making all people disciples. Where the disciples are not made, the mission is not mission according to Christ Jesus. What else will the Twelve have to do? They must baptise those who convert to the Gospel in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The name is one. The divine persons are three: Father and Son and Holy Spirit. The God who is the Father of Christ Jesus is the God who lives an eternal mystery of unity and communion. Unity is in the sole nature. The communion is in the three divine persons. This mystery is essence of the faith in Christ. Where this mystery is not proclaimed, there is no Christian. Where one does not baptise in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, not even there, is the Christian.

Not only do the Twelve have to make all people disciples, not only do they have to baptise in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, they must also teach every baptised to observe what He, Christ Jesus, has commanded. What has Jesus commanded? He has commanded to live the entire Gospel, his entire Word. As He has showed the Twelve how one lives the Gospel, so also the Twelve have to teach the disciples made by them how to live the Gospel. They proclaim it with the Word, they show how to live it with their life. Jesus commands it to the Twelve. The Twelve must do that. If they do not do what Christ Jesus has commanded to them, they are not certainly in the command of the Lord. They are not, for they do not live the mission that was entrusted to them. They have been constituted and sent for that. They will have to do that until the day of Parusia.

It is in Christ that every unity is formed, grows, reaches the perfection. In Christ the unity of man with himself, of man with man, of man with the creation is composed, for the truth of man with his Lord, Creator, God is recomposed. The unity of people with people, and of nations with nations; the unity of the Old and of the New Testament; the unity of the Revelation, of the Tradition, of the Magisterium; the unity of the truth with the morality, and of the morality with the truth; the unity of every Word of God with every Word of God; the unity of every science, philosophy, anthropology; the unity among believed faith, lived faith, prayed faith; the unity of the entire universe in one only praise and in one only hymn of blessing and of giving thanks: "*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and who is, and who is to come. Worthy are you, Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things; because of your will they came to be and were created. Worthy are you to receive the scroll and to break open its seals, for you were slain and with your blood you purchased for God those from every tribe and tongue, people and nation. You made them a kingdom and priests for our God, and they will reign on earth. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing. To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever*." *(cf. Rev. 4, 1-5, 14)* Only in the newfound unity in Christ, through Christ, with Christ, through the work of the Holy Spirit and the mediation of grace, truth, light, righteousness, holiness of the Church, all the creatures will proclaim this hymn of praise, blessing, glory, thank, exaltation of our God and Lord in eternity. Only in Christ Jesus, through Him, with Him, the eternal and universal Necessary, the unity of all the languages of humanity, of the Angels and of the entire creation is recomposed. May the Mother of Jesus help us with Her maternal intercession so that Christ the Lord may be confessed as the only eternal and universal Necessary of humanity and of the creation both visible and invisible, not only for time, but also for eternity, for today and forever.  *“Iesus Christus heri et hodie ipse et in saecula” (Hb 13,8).*

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