

The Cross Alone is What Makes One Know if He Loves the Lord
Gospel Reading for March 2, 2017
With Divine Will Truths
Luke 9:22-25

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes and to be put to death, and to be raised up on the third day.' Then to all he said: 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, that man will save it. What gain, then, is it for a man to have won the whole world and to have lost or ruined his very self?'

Our participation in Christ's sacrifice (CCC)

618 *The cross is the unique sacrifice of Christ, the "one mediator between God and men."⁴⁵² But because in His Incarnate Divine Person He has in some way united Himself to every man, "the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the Paschal Mystery" is offered to all men.⁴⁵³ He calls His disciples to "take up [their] cross and follow [Him],"⁴⁵⁴ for "Christ also suffered for [us], leaving [us] an example so that [we] should follow in His steps."⁴⁵⁵ In fact Jesus desires to associate with His redeeming sacrifice those who were to be its first beneficiaries.⁴⁵⁶ This is achieved supremely in the case of His Mother, Who was associated more intimately than any other person in the Mystery of His Redemptive Suffering.⁴⁵⁷ Apart from the cross there is no other ladder by which we may get to Heaven.⁴⁵⁸*

From the Book of Heaven

V8 - Feb. 16, 1908 - *As I was in my usual state, I was thinking about why it is the Cross Alone that makes us know whether we really Love the Lord, while there are many other things, like the virtues, prayer, the Sacraments, which could make us know whether we Love the Lord. While I was thinking of this, Blessed Jesus came and told me: "My daughter, it is really so, the Cross Alone is that which makes one know whether he really Loves the Lord - but a Cross Carried with Patience and Resignation, because where there is Patience and Resignation in Crosses, there is Divine Life. Since nature is so reluctant to suffering, if there is Patience, it cannot be something natural, but Divine, and the soul no longer Loves the Lord with her*

love alone, but United with the Love of the Divine Life. So, what doubt can she have whether she Loves or not, if she arrives at Loving Him with His Own Love?

On the other hand, in the other things, and even in the very Sacraments, there also may be someone who Loves, who contains this Divine Life within himself, but these things cannot give the Certainty of the Cross. It may be there, or it may not, because of lack of dispositions. One can very well go to Confession, but if he lacks the dispositions, it certainly cannot be said that he Loves and that he has received this Divine Life within himself. Another may receive Communion; indeed he receives the Divine Life, but he can only say that this Divine Life remains within him if he had the True dispositions. In fact, it can be seen how some receive Communion or go to Confession, but as occasions arise, the Patience of Divine Life cannot be seen in them; and if Patience is missing, Love is missing because Love is recognized only through Sacrifice. And so here are the doubts; while the Cross, Patience, Resignation, are Fruits produced only by Grace and by Love."

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