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"May the Divine Will always be blessed!"

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The Servant of God – Luisa Piccarreta



(Solemn funeral of the "Servant of God" Luisa Piccarreta)

Luisa died at the age of eighty-one years, ten months and nine days, on March 4, 1947, after a fortnight of illness, the only one diagnosed in her life, a bad attack of pneumonia. She died at the end of the night, at the same hour when every day the priest's blessing had freed her from her state of rigidity. Archbishop Francesco Petronelli (May 25, 1939-June 16, 1947) archbishop at the time. Luisa remained sitting up in bed. It was impossible to lay her out and – an extraordinary phenomenon – her body never suffered *rigor mortis* and remained in the position in which it had always been.

"Luisa the Saint has died"



Hardly had the news of Luisa's death spread, like a river in full spate, all the people streamed into her house and police intervention was necessary to control the crowds that flocked there day and night to visit Luisa, a woman very dear to them. A voice rang out: "*Luisa the Saint has died*". To contain all the people who were going to see her, with the permission of the civil authorities and health officials, her body was exposed for four days with no sign of corruption. Luisa did not seem dead, she was sitting up in bed, dressed in white; it was as though she were asleep, because as has already been said, her body did not suffer *rigor mortis*. Indeed, without any effort her head could be moved in all directions, her arms raised, her hands and all her fingers bent. It was even possible to lift her eyelids and see her shining eyes that had not grown dim. Everyone believed that she was still alive, immersed in a deep sleep. A council of doctors, summoned for this purpose, declared, after attentively examining the corpse, that Luisa was truly dead and that her death should be accepted as real and not merely apparent, as everyone had imagined.

Luisa had said that she was born "upside down", and that therefore it was right that her death should be "upside down" in comparison with that of other creatures. She remained in a sitting position as she had always lived, and had to be carried to the cemetery in this position, in a coffin specially made for her with a glass front and sides, so that she could be seen by everyone, like a queen upon her throne, dressed in white with the *Fiat* on her breast. More than forty priests, the chapter and the local clergy took part in the funeral procession; the sisters took turns to carry her on their shoulders, and an immense crowd of citizens surrounded her: the streets were incredibly full; even the balconies and rooftops of the houses were swarming with people, so that the procession wound slowly onwards with great difficulty. The funeral rite of the little daughter of the Divine Will was celebrated in the main church by the entire chapter. All the people of Corato followed the body to the cemetery. Everyone tried to take home a keepsake or a flower, after having touched her body with it; a few years later, her remains were translated to the parish of Santa Maria Greca.

Jul 3, 1963 - Her mortal remains were definitively laid to rest in Santa Maria Greca.

Nov 20, - Feast of Christ the King: Archbishop Cassati officially opened the 1994 beatification cause of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta in the principal church of Corato, in the presence of a huge crowd of people, locals and foreigners.

**MARCH 9TH (ASH WEDNESDAY)
THE HOURS OF THE PASSION**



**Value and Effects of these Hours of the Passion
from a Letter of Luisa to Saint Annibale Maria di Francia**

Saint Annibale: “I begin by reporting here a letter which the Author sent me...” *Most Reverend Father*, I am finally sending you the Hours of the Passion, now written, and all for the glory of Our Lord. I also include another sheet which contains the effects, and the beautiful promises which Jesus makes to anyone who does these Hours of the Passion. I believe that if one who meditates them is a sinner, he will convert; if he is imperfect, he will become perfect; if he is holy, he will become more holy; if he is tempted, he will find victory; if he is suffering, in these Hours he will find the strength, the medicine, the comfort. And if his soul is weak and poor, he will find spiritual food and the mirror in which he will reflect himself continuously to be embellished and to become similar to Jesus, our model. The satisfaction that blessed Jesus receives from the meditation of these Hours is so great, that He would want at least one copy of these meditations to be present and practiced in each city or town. In fact, it would happen, then, as if Jesus heard His own voice and His prayers being reproduced in those reparations, just as the ones He raised to His Father during the 24 hours of His sorrowful Passion. And if this were done in each town or city at least, by as many souls, Jesus seems to make me understand that Divine Justice would be placated in part, and in these sad times of torments and bloodshed, Its scourges would be stopped, in part, and as though dampened. I let you, reverend Father, make appeal to all; may you complete, in this way, the little work that my lovable Jesus had me do.

I also tell you that the purpose of these Hours of the Passion is not so much that of narrating the story of the Passion, because there are many books that treat this pious topic, and it would not be necessary to make another one. But rather, the purpose is the reparation, uniting the different points of the Passion of Our Lord with the diversity of the many offenses, and making worthy reparation for them together with Jesus, almost making up for all that the other creatures owe Him. From this, the different ways of reparation present in these Hours: in some sections one blesses, in others one compassionates, in others one praises, in others one comforts suffering Jesus, in others one compensates, in others one supplicates, prays and asks.

Therefore, I leave it to you, Reverend Father, to make known the purpose of these writings with a preface.

How these Hours of the Passion can be done

One method is that of meditating one Hour each day by reading it alone, or with one's family, or with others. In this way, in the round of 24 days, one would complete the 24 Hours. A good clock never stops – life never stops...

A second method would be that of forming groups of various people – 4, 8, 12 or possibly 24 and more – each one committed seriously to doing one of the Hours, assigned for a period of time, before changing the Hour. A good clock marks all the hours - it skips none of them... (see below format for setting up a group clock for Lent)

A third method, then, is that of doing at least one hour per day, at the time of the day which coincides to that hour, but in any case, to reach such familiarity with the Hours of the Passion, and to assimilate them in such a way, as to be able to follow their content mentally during the whole day. For this purpose it is very helpful to learn by heart the succession of the 24 Hours with the corresponding title, which is reported on the next page.

To “do” an Hour of the Passion means to read it attentively, meditating on it, contemplating it, making it one's own life... It is not just remembering and compassionating the sufferings of Jesus as something that happened many centuries ago in a far away place; but rather, it is, first of all, to enter into the Divine Will, in which everything is present and *in act*, and to participate in the interior acts and sufferings of Our Lord, which are present and *in act* at this precise moment, so as to repeat His life within us, to grow in His likeness, and to pour upon everyone the infinite value, merits and effects of His Passion.

Jesus Himself explains this very important difference: *“To repeat my Passion in act in the creature, is different from one who only thinks of my pains and compassionates them. The first is an act of my Life, which takes my place in order to repeat my pains, and I feel I am given back the effects and the value of a Divine Life; while in thinking of my pains and in compassionating Me, it is only the company of the creature that I feel. But do you know in whom I can repeat my pains, in act, of my Passion? In one who has my Will as center of life. (October 24, 1925)*

Starts Ash Wednesday **March 9, 2011**
Ends Good Friday **April 22, 2011**

Name	Starting Hour	From - Description
First Hour		5 to 6 PM - Jesus takes leave of His Most Holy Mother
Second Hour		6 to 7 PM – Jesus sets out for the Cenacle
Third Hour		7 to 8 PM – The Legal Supper
Fourth Hour		8 to 9 PM – The Eucharistic Supper
Fifth Hour		9 to 10 PM – First Hour of Agony in the Garden of Gethsemani
Sixth Hour		10 to 11 PM – Second Hour of Agony in the Garden of Gethsemani
Seventh Hour		11 to 12 PM – Third Hour of Agony in the Garden of Gethsemani
Eighth Hour		12 PM to 1 AM – Jesus is Arrested
Ninth Hour		1 AM to 2 AM – Jesus is thrown into the Cedron stream
Tenth Hour		2 AM to 3 AM – Jesus is presented to Annas
Eleventh Hour		3 AM to 4 AM – Jesus in the house of Caphas
Twelfth Hour		4 AM to 5 AM – Jesus at the mercy of the soldiers
Thirteenth Hour		5 AM to 6 AM – Jesus in prison
Fourteenth Hour		6 AM to 7 AM – Jesus before Caiphas, His condemnation to death
Fifteenth Hour		7 AM to 8 AM – Jesus before Pilate and Herod
Sixteenth Hour		8 AM to 9 AM – Jesus placed after Barabbas and scourged
Seventeenth Hour		9 AM to 10 AM – Jesus crowned with thrones “Ecce Homo!”
Eighteenth Hour		10 AM to 11 AM – Jesus takes up and carries His cross
Nineteenth Hour		11 AM to 12 AM – Jesus is Crucified
Twentieth Hour		12 AM to 1 PM – The first hour of Agony on the Cross
Twenty-First Hour		1 PM to 2 PM – The second hour of Agony on the Cross
Twenty- Second Hour		2 PM to 3 PM – The third hour of Agony on the Cross
Twenty-Third Hour		3 PM to 4 PM – Jesus dies, the deposition from the Cross
Twenty-Fourth Hour		4 PM to 5 PM – Jesus is buried

The Promises of Jesus for Whoever Does The Hours of the Passion

From the writings of Luisa Piccarreta

Book of Heaven - 10th April, 1913

"Tell me, my Good Lord, what will You grant in return to those who will make the Hours of your Passion on which You had instructed me?"

And He: *"My daughter, I shall not regard these Hours as 'your things, but as things done by Me, and I shall grant to you my very own merits, as if I, Myself, were, in actuality, suffering my Passion. I shall, thereby, make you obtain the effects of my Passion, according to the soul's disposition. This, I shall accomplish on earth: Of Myself, I could not have offered you more; and in Heaven: I shall place these souls at the front, shooting them with arrows of love and of happiness for the many hours they spent in making the Hours of my Passion. And they shall shoot Me with arrows as well. What a sweet enchantment for all the blessed this shall be!"*

Book of Heaven - 6th September, 1913

I was thinking about the Hours of the written Passion. how they have no indulgences; and therefore, whoever does them cannot gain any indulgences, as they can with so many other prayers enriched with so many indulgences. While I was thinking of this, my always amiable Jesus, all mildness, said to me:

"My daughter, with indulgenced prayers, one can gain something. Instead, the Hours of my Passion, which are my very own prayers, my reparations, and complete love, have truly issued from my Heart. Have you, perhaps, forgotten how many times I united Myself with you, in order to make these Hours together, and how I changed scourges into graces for the entire earth? Therefore, my enjoyment is so great, that instead of indulgences, I give you a handful of love which contains inestimable coins of infinite value. Then, when things are [able to be] accomplished [by the soul] with pure love, my Love discovers for you the vent, for my Love desires that the creature give relief and vent to the Creator's Love."

Book of Heaven - October 1914

As I was writing the Hours of the Passion, I thought to myself: "How many sacrifices there are in writing these blessed Hours of his Passion, especially when having to write down certain interior acts that passed only between Jesus and myself! What will be the recompense that Jesus shall offer me for them? And Jesus, making me hear his sweet and tender voice, said to me:

"My daughter, as a recompense for having written the Hours of my Passion, for every word that you have written, I will give you a kiss, a soul."

And I: "My Love, this is for me. What will you give, instead, to those who shall make them?"

And He: *"If they shall make them together with Me and with my own Will, for every word that they make, I shall give them a soul, because the greater or lesser efficacy of these Hours of my Passion is determined by the greater or lesser union they have with Me. And by making these Hours with my Will, the creature therein hides himself, whereby, my Will doing the acting, I am thus able to do all the good I want, even through the use of a single word. And I shall do this every time they make them."*

On another occasion, I was complaining to Jesus, that after so many sacrifices in writing these Hours of the Passion, there were so few souls who made them.

And He: *"My daughter, do not complain. Even if there were but only one soul, you should be happy. Would I not have suffered my entire Passion for the sake of saving only one soul? The same applies to you; good must never be omitted simply because there are few who make use of it. All evil, however, is reserved for him who does not take advantage of so much good. And so, just as my Passion applied to my Humanity the merit of saving all, which was what I desired and merited according to my desires, and not according to the desires of such creatures who would make poor use of It, therefore impeding my design of saving all, so it should likewise be with you: According to the measure in which your will is assimilated to Mine in desiring to do good to all, in that measure will you be rewarded. All evil is reserved for those, who while being able to do good, do not do so."*

These Hours are the most precious of all, for they are none other than the repetition of what I did in the course of my mortal Life and of what I continue to do in the Most Blessed Sacrament. When I hear these Hours of my Passion [recited], I hear my own voice and my own prayers. I see my Will in that soul who desires the good of all and who wants to make reparation for all, and I feel transported; whence, I take up my dwelling within her, so as to do within her that which she herself does. Oh, how I would love it if only one soul in every town were to make these Hours of my Passion! I would feel my own presence in each town, and my Justice, greatly disdained in these times, would be placated in part."

Also, one day while I was making the **Hour (4 PM) in which our Heavenly Mother gave Jesus over to be buried**, I followed Her closely in order to keep Her company throughout Her bitter desolation, so as to offer Her my compassion. It was not my custom to always act in this way, but only sometimes. And so, as I was undecided as to whether or not I should continue to act in this manner, Blessed Jesus appeared in all of His Love, and as if beseeching me, He said: *"My daughter, I bid you not to leave Her; you shall accompany Her for my Love's sake, in honor of my Mother. Know, that every time you accompany Her, my Mother feels as if She Herself were on earth in person, repeating Her life and experiencing the glory and love which She had offered Me while on earth. Wherefore, I, feeling as if my Mother were on the earth again, experience Her Motherly tenderness, Her love, and all the glory that She gave Me. Therefore, I will consider you as a Mother."*

Book of Heaven- 4th November, 1914

I was making the Hours of the Passion, and Jesus, taken up with great pleasure, said to me : *"My daughter, if you knew the great pleasure I experience whereupon seeing you repeat, repeat again, and thus always repeat these Hours of my Passion, you would rejoice. It is true that my Saints have meditated upon my Passion and have understood how much I suffered, whence they burst into tears of compassion, to the point of experiencing themselves being consumed for love of my pains; but whereas, their meditations were not made in such an orderly and continually repeated way.*

Therefore, I can say that you are the first to give Me the great and special pleasure of subacting within yourself, hour by hour, my Life and that which I suffered, wherein I experience Myself being so drawn, that hour by hour, I give to you my food, which food I, Myself, partake of, thereby doing together with you that which you do. Know, however, that I shall reward you abundantly for them [these Hours] with new light and new graces; and even after your death, every time these Hours of my Passion will be made by souls on this earth, I, in Heaven, will continue to embellish you with new light and new glory."

Book of Heaven - 6th November, 1914

While continuing the customary Hours of the Passion, my loving Jesus said to me:

"My daughter, the world is in the continual act of renewing my Passion, and since my Immensity envelops everything, internally and externally with regard to the creature, I am therefore compelled, in virtue of their association, to receive nails, thorns, scourges, contempt, spit, and all else that I suffered during my Passion, and yet more. Now, whenever the creature makes the Hours of my Passion while associating himself with these souls, I feel the nails being removed, the thorns shattered, the wounds cauterized, and the spit removed. I feel the evils that others inflict upon Me transformed into good; and whereby, I feeling that their association does Me no harm, but good. lean on them all the more."

Thereafter, when returning, Blessed Jesus began to speak of these Hours of His Passion. He said:

*"My daughter, know, that in making these Hours, the soul takes my thoughts and makes them her own; she takes my reparations, my prayers, my desires, my affections, even my most intimate fibers, and makes them her own. And whereby, raising herself up between Heaven and earth, she performs my own office, and as **co-redemptrix**, says together with Me: 'Ecce ego, mitte me' [Here I am, Lord; send me out]. I want to make reparation to You for everyone, to respond to You for everyone, and to intercede for the good of everyone."*

Book of Heaven - 13th October, 1916

I was making "The Hours of His Passion, and Blessed Jesus said to me: "My daughter, in the course of my mortal Life, thousands of Angels courted my Humanity and gathered together what I did: my words, steps, even breaths, pains, drops of my Blood, in a word, everything. They were Angels deputed to my care, to render Me honor, obedient to my every gesture; they descended and ascended to Heaven, as to present what I did to the Father.

Now, these Angels have a special office: As the soul recalls my Life, my Passion, my prayers, they place themselves round her, thus gathering together her words, her prayers, the compassion she shows Me, her tears, her offenses; whereby, uniting them to Mine, they carry them off to my Majesty, as to renew for Me the glory of my own Life. And the Angels enjoy it so much that they reverently stand in attention as to hear what the soul is saying, and they pray together with her. Therefore, with attention and respect, the soul ought to make these Hours, while remembering that the Angels hang upon her every word, as to repeat after her what she says!"....

Book of Heaven - May 16, 1917

Then I found myself outside of myself. I found myself among many souls—it seemed as though they were the souls of Purgatory and the Saints—who named a person I knew who died not long ago, and they said to me: *“He feels as happy in seeing that there is no soul who enters into Purgatory who does not carry the imprint of the Hours of the Passion. Further, helped and escorted by these Hours, he takes his position in a secure place. Moreover, there is not a soul that flies into Paradise who is not accompanied by these Hours of the Passion. These Hours rain continuous dew from Heaven onto the earth, into Purgatory, and even into Heaven.”*

Upon hearing this I said to myself: *“Perhaps my beloved Jesus, in order to keep His word given—that for every word of The Hours of the Passion He would save a soul—(grants that) there be no soul saved who would not have made use of these Hours.”*

Afterwards, I returned into myself, and, having found my sweet Jesus, I asked Him if this were true.

And He: *“These Hours are the order of the universe and put Heaven and earth into harmony, as well as keep Me from destroying the world. I feel My Blood, My Wounds, My Love, and all that I did, put into circulation; and they flow upon all to save all. Further, as souls do these Hours of the Passion, I feel My Blood, My Wounds, and My anxieties to save souls come to life, and I feel My Life repeated to Me.*

“How can creatures obtain any good, if not by means of these Hours? Why do you doubt it? The thing is not yours, but Mine. You have been the constrained and weak instrument.”

Book of Heaven - July 12, 1918

I was praying with a certain fear and anxiety for a dying soul, and my amiable Jesus, coming, said to me: *“My daughter, why are you afraid? Do you not know that for every word on My Passion—for every thought, compassion, reparation, [and] memory of My pains—so many (ways like) electrical communications open themselves between Me and the soul, and therefore so many various beauties adorn the soul?*

She did the Hours of My Passion and I will receive her as a daughter of My Passion, dressed with My Blood and adorned with My wounds. This flower has grown in your heart, and I bless it and receive it into Mine as a predilect flower.”

Then, while He said that, a flower went out from my heart and took flight toward Jesus.

Book of Heaven - June 17, 1927

After this, I found myself outside of myself, and while looking for my sweet Jesus I encountered **Father Di Francia**. He was all cheerful, and he told me: *“Do you know how many beautiful surprises I found? I did not think it would be so when I was on earth, though I thought I had done good by publishing the Hours of the Passion. But the surprises I found are marvelous, enchanting, of a rarity never before seen: all the words regarding the Passion of Our Lord changed into light, one more beautiful than the other – all braided together; and these lights grow more and more as creatures do the Hours of the Passion, so more lights add to the first. But what surprised me the most were the few sayings published by me about the Divine Will: each saying changed into a sun, and these suns, investing all the lights with their rays, form such a surprise of beauty that one remains enraptured, enchanted. You cannot imagine how surprised I was at seeing myself in the midst of these lights and these suns – how content I was; and I thanked our Highest Good, Jesus, who had given me the occasion and the grace to do it. You too, thank Him on my behalf.”*

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March 25th The Annunciation of the Lord



The First Joyful Mystery of the Rosary. Today the Church celebrates that day when the Archangel Gabriel requested Our Lady to be the Mother of God. Mary accepts and declares herself to be the handmaid of the Lord. The Annunciation is one of the three most ancient feasts of Our Lady. The feast probably dates from the Council of Ephesus in 431, when Our Lady was proclaimed the Mother of God. This proclamation was because of a heresy which denied Mary's Divine Motherhood. It was also the Council of Ephesus which added the following words to the Hail Mary: "**Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death, Amen.**" This feast has been known by many names over the years including: "*the Feast of the Incarnation,*" "*the beginning of the Redemption,*" "*the Conception of Christ*" and "*the Announcing of the Christ.*"

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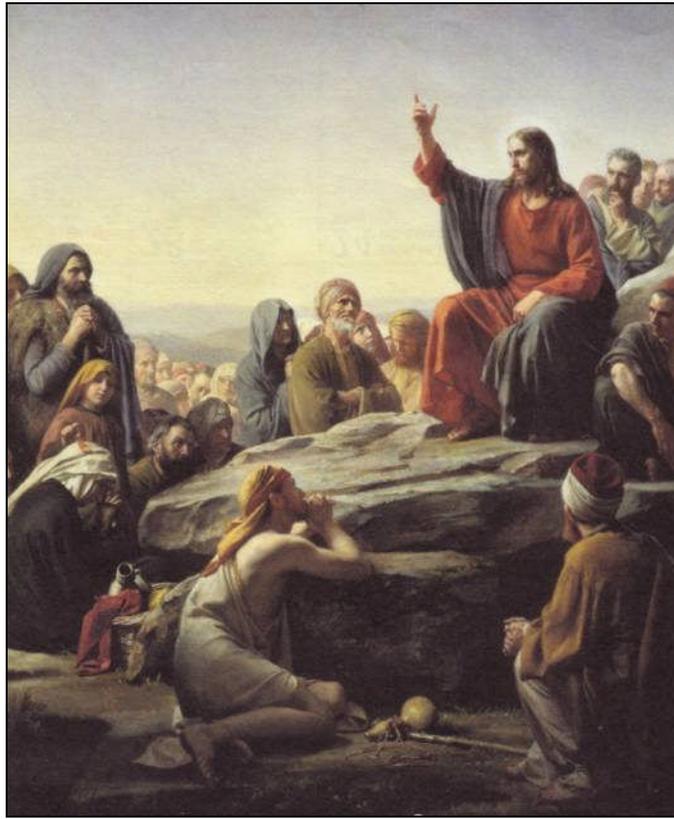
Decision from priests to prepare the writings for printing. Surprising graces that Jesus will give to priests.

...Now I move on to say that my sweet Jesus seemed to be waiting for me here, in this House, near His Tabernacle of love, to give start to priests' coming to a decision to prepare the writings for publication. *And while they were consulting with one another on how to do it, they were reading the nine excesses of Jesus, which He had in the Incarnation, which are narrated in the first little volume of my writings.* Now, while they were reading, Jesus, in my interior, pricked up His ears to listen, and it seemed to me that Jesus in the Tabernacle would do the same. *At each word He would hear, His Heart beat more strongly; and at each excess of His love, He gave a start, even stronger, as if the strength of His love would make Him repeat all those excesses which He had in the Incarnation. And as though unable to contain His flames, He told me: "My daughter, everything I have told you, both about my Incarnation and about my Divine Will, and on other things, has been nothing but outpourings of my contained love. But after pouring itself out with you, my love continued to remain repressed, because it wanted to raise its flames higher in order to invest all hearts and make known what I have done and want to do for creatures; but since everything I have told you lies in hiddenness, I feel a nightmare over my Heart, which compresses Me and prevents my flames from rising and making their way. This is why, as I heard them read and take the decision to occupy themselves with the publication, I felt the nightmare being removed from Me, and the weight that compresses the flames of my Heart being lifted. And so It beat more strongly, and It throbbed, and It made you hear the repetition of all those excesses of love; more so, since what I do once, I repeat always. My constrained love is a pain for Me, of the greatest, which renders Me taciturn and sad, because, since my first flames have no life, I cannot release the others, which devour Me and consume Me. And therefore, to those priests who want to occupy themselves with removing this nightmare from Me by making known my many secrets, by publishing them, I will give so much surprising grace, strength in order to do it, and light in order to know, themselves first, what they will make known to others. I will be in their midst, and will guide everything."*

Now, it seems to me that every time the Reverend priests occupy themselves with reviewing the writings in order to prepare them, my sweet Jesus comes to attention, to see what they do and how they do it.....

PARABLE OF THE OLD AND NEW GARMENTS

Part 2



By Fr. Joachim Tierney, OCSO

SCRIPTURAL PROOFS FOR - THE NEW GARMENT IS THE NEW MAN, CLOTHED IN THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE SAINTS, IMMACULATE IMAGE OF CHRIST JESUS

It is clear from Sacred Scripture that the **“Old Garment”** is our old man of sin, enslaved to concupiscence and the **“New garments”** make us totally new creatures, spotless and holy. Romans, chapter 5 is all about original sin, “sin coming into the world through one man, Adam, and death through sin, because all men sinned, “that the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness might reign to eternal life.”

That St Paul is looking towards the future is clear from Rom. 4:17: **“Before God, who quickens the dead, (it involves a resurrection) and calls the things not existing as existing,** “ thus prophesying future events. So in Romans 6:6, Paul says:

“We know that the old man was Co-crucified, in order that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might be no longer enslaved to sin” (or serve sin). “ “Let not sin reign in your mortal body to obey its lusts.”

But we still do obey its lusts, sin still reigns in our body, and we still have the concupiscence’s of the eyes and the flesh and the pride of life. (I Jn. 2:16) Paul continues: **“So you must consider yourselves dead to sin” ...”for sin will have no dominion over you.” “having been set free from sin, and have become enslaved to God.” (Rom. 6:6-7;12, 14)**

Can anyone apply St. Paul’s teaching to himself, and say that his body of sin has been crucified and destroyed so that he no longer serves sin, that he does not obey his concupiscence of the eyes and flesh, that he has no pride, that he is dead to sin, that he is set free from sin etc?

St. Paul continues describing the effects and original sin within himself: **“I am carnal, sold under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not what I want, but what I hate that I do...It is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells in me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh...I see a different law in my members warring against the law of my mind, and taking me captive by the law of sin that is in all my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 7:14-25**

Saint Paul is saying that he still has the “old man” in him. He is yet in captivity to sin, sin dwells and wars in his body. Likewise, in Philippians 4:12, he affirms that he has not yet attained the perfect state. But being as great a prophet as he is an apostle, he does reveal what will eventually come to the Church of Christ when this mystery is revealed.

There are many other Scriptural texts in support of this truth. Symbolic of putting off old garments and putting on the new, and at the same time linked with the Gospel teaching of Jesus, here is Ephesians 4:20, Paul is writing about those who refuse the Gospel, alienating themselves from the life of God through harness of heart, and giving themselves up to all licentiousness’, uncleanness, and greediness:

“But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you heard him and were taught by him as the truth is in Jesus, that you put off the old man as regards you former conduct, BEING CORRUPTED ACCORDING TO THE LUSTS OF DECEIT, (remember Adam and Eve) AND BE RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT OF YOUR MIND AND PUT ON THE NEW MAN, CREATED ACCORDING TO GOD IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS OF TRUTH.”

My conclusion is that as long as mankind is infected with and partakes of the consequences of original sin, it (WE) retain the OLD MAN. Only in the new creation, in the mystery of Jesus Second Coming, do the great Saints get the transformation into the NEW Man, the perfect image of Christ Jesus.

Since Saint Paul states that he is the Preacher, Teacher, and Apostle of the Epiphania (an essential aspect of the Second Coming, one must read him in that mystery in order to understand and interpret his writings. Read again the above quotation from Paul to Eph. 2:20. The New Man is the new creation, a total putting off of concupiscences of they eyes and flesh, and pride of life. It is putting off of all sin, and the deceits of the devil. It is a totally purified man – body and soul – the whole man!

Again to the Colossians 3:4:

“When Christ, who is our life, is manifested, then you also will be manifested with him in glory. Put to death therefore, your members on the earth, fornication, uncleanness, passions, evil desires (Greek: ‘concupiscence’ or ‘lust’) covetousness, which is idolatry, because of which is coming the wrath of God.”

Then verse 9: **“Put off the Old Man with its practices and having put on the New, be renewed in the knowledge according to the IMAGE OF THE CREATOR”** (lit.: ‘the one creating him.)

Verse 12: **“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness and patience, (like new garments) forbearing one another, and if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And ABOVE ALL THESE PUT ON LOVE, WHICH BINDS EVERYTHING TOGETHER IN PERFECT HARMONY** (or: which is the bond of perfection).

CLOTHED WITH AN ETERNAL DWELLING QUOT OF HEAVEN

2 Corinthians 5:1-4

“For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. Here indeed we groan, and long to put on our heavenly dwelling, so that by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we were still in this tent, we sigh with anxiety; not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up in life.” Note here: the **TRANSFIGURATION** of those who were ready and prepared, has taken place. To understand this one has to recall what Jesus says: **“And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, LOOK UP AND RAISE YOUR HEADS, BECAUSE YOUR REDEMPTION IS DRAWING NEAR.”** Luke 21:27-28. This is not the redemption of our sould, but of our bodies. It is Saint Paul clarifies this in the following text. **“WE ALL, WITH UNVEILED FACE, BEHOLDING THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE.”** II CORINTHINAS 3:18

“Now the Lord is the Spirit, (resurrected in body – Spirit-like) and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom (i.e. “set free from the slavery of corruption to the freedom and glory of the children of God” Rom 8:21) “And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord (as he passes in the cloud from East to West) are transformed into the same image form glory to glory, as from the Lord who is the Spirit.” II Cor. 3:17-18. Remember that Saint Paul, speaking of the Resurrection of Christ and of our resurrection, says; **The first Adam became a living soul; the last Adam became a LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT”** I Cor. 15:45.

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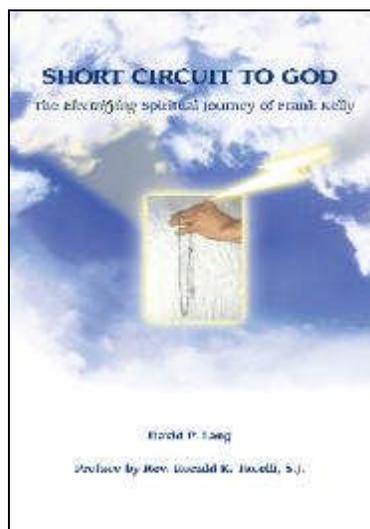


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