

Faith Serves as Sight of the Soul

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III. The Characteristics of Faith ***Faith—the beginning of eternal life***

164 Now, however, “we walk by faith, not by sight”;⁴⁹ we perceive God as “in a mirror, dimly” and only “in part.”⁵⁰ Even though enlightened by him in whom it believes, faith is often lived in darkness and can be put to the test...

1 John 5:4

For whatsoever is born of God, overcometh the world: and this is the victory which overcometh the world, our faith.

V1 - So, going back to Faith, Jesus would say: "In order to obtain, one must believe. Just as for the head without the sight of the eyes,

everything is darkness, everything is confusion, so much so, that if one wanted to walk, he would stumble now at one point, now at another, and would end up falling completely, the same for the soul without Faith – she does nothing but go from precipice to precipice. But Faith serves as the sight of the soul, and as the light which guides her to eternal life. Now, what is this light of Faith nourished by? By Hope. Now, what is the substance of this light of Faith, and of this nourishment of Hope? It is Charity. All of these three virtues are grafted to one another, in such a way that one cannot be without the other...”

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