

*Truths of the Divine Will do not Mix with the Skin of Human
Passions*

*Gospel Reading for July 8, 2017
With Divine Will Truths*

Matthew 9: 14-17

The disciples of John approached Jesus and said, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast much, but Your disciples do not fast?"

Jesus answered them, "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the Bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the Bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. No one patches an old cloak with a piece of unshrunk cloth, for its fullness pulls away from the cloak and the tear gets worse. People do not put new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise the skins burst, the wine spills out, and the skins are ruined. Rather, they pour new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved."

II. The Church—Body of Christ (CCC)

The Church is the Bride of Christ

796 *The Unity of Christ and the Church, head and members of one Body, also implies the distinction of the two within a personal relationship. This aspect is often expressed by the image of bridegroom and bride. The theme of Christ as Bridegroom of the Church was prepared for by the prophets and announced by John the Baptist.²³⁴ The Lord referred to Himself as the "bridegroom."*

III. The Eucharist in the Economy of Salvation (CCC)

The signs of bread and wine

1335 *The sign of water turned into wine at Cana already announces the Hour of Jesus' glorification. It makes manifest the fulfillment of the wedding feast in the Father's kingdom, where the faithful will drink the new wine that has become the Blood of Christ.¹⁵⁹*

From the Book of Heaven

V16 – Dec. 26, 1923 - *"My daughter, crosses, sorrows, pains, are like a Press for the soul. Just as the wine-press serves to crush and peel the grapes, in such a way that the wine remains on one side and the skin on the other; in the same way, crosses and pains, like a press, peel the soul of pride, love of self, passions, and of*

all that is human, leaving the pure wine of virtues. And so my virtues find the way to communicate and lay themselves within the soul, as on a pure white canvas, with indelible characters. Therefore, how can you fear, if every time I Manifested to you My Truths on My Will, these Truths have always been preceded by crosses, sorrow and pains – and every time, by more intense and stronger pains? It was nothing other than the pressure of the Press which I exercised in you, in order to peel you of all that is human. It was My interest, more than yours, that these Truths would not mix with the skin of human passions."

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