

## **The good christian in three classes**

I see the good Christian split in three category. The most are those whom fluctuate continuously from the fragility and the sins which they confess conscientiously.

They do not even think to change their conduct through a solid decision. They never meditate, never have time to pray, when at mass they think so many things that have nothing to do with the mystery of the Eucharistic. They don't see the difference between the Eucharist that are receiving and any piece of bread. Always arrive late in church and chattering, at the end of the mass, they are escaping because have so many things to do. To them Christianity is a "water of roses", to say with pope Francesco. They are follower who is giving the greatest problem to Christ and the church.

There are lots whom are following in love with Christ and the Kingdom of heaven, growing strong feeling during exciting liturgy. When they are praying, it seems that they are fanatics.

There are those, few to say the truth, whom understood the importance of a life of conversion. The conversion is for them a constant painful commitment. Even at cost of great sacrifice, they want to modify the tendency of their human nature. The Grace of conversion slowly open up their heart to receive the divine nature. Willingly they carry the cross of obedience to faith, they are happy to live in faith.

Those who are wishing to have consolation, to see miracles, to enjoy the benefit of the supernatural gifts, probably end out of the path. Does not exist a method to obtain the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Generally God is giving it to whom has no interest for those things, that is way they don't even desire them. They are the true disciple of Jesus, they think only to do their duty. They have no desire to speak the Angels language, want only to speak the language of the word of God.

Few are those whom are appreciating the value of the tribulation with desire "To complete in their lives what lacks in the passion of Christ." Many praise Christ and blessing Him through temptations, put to the test their faith, they complain and create problems to our Lord that wants to save them.

The healthy balance in the spiritual life is to practise justice. "You know that Jesus is the justice of God, know then that anyone that behave with justice is born from Him" (GV 2, 29), your justice derive from the practise of faith. In Angels we find the perfect justice. We instead, have to develop in our Christian life the justice that began from the faith that the Holy Spirit gave us.

With faith, He gave us also all the Graces necessary to compete the walking of a spiritual life that develop in us the divine life. "Start praying God with the confession of your sins" (Sal 146, 7). Do not ever forget that every time you go to confession with the forgiveness of the sins, you receive the Grace to become better in the divine life. The confession that is done only to free the conscious gives an unbearable heaviness, it will never become the incentive to improve ones Christian life. Those confessions are useful only to free from hell if God gives you the Grace to die before you, as usual return to sin.

I understand your difficulties living as a good Christian in this world it's uncomfortable, it condemns you to a life of discomfort. You as a matter of fact live to fulfil the goodness that the gospel is teaching. The life according to the world instead generates the most horrific sins like abortion, violence, delinquency that kills with no mercy, hate that it's expressing with homicide, the pitiless etc.

I understand the embarrassment that you have to sustain to live in this society that had formed money mentality, well being and the illicit pleasure. I want to inform you that for all Christians of all times was always like this.

Saint Paul in one of his letter said that Christians became the rubbish of the world. Jesus was hated because "was sinners friend and was eating with them". They hated Him because gave the forgiveness of God to whom were normally cursed. More then ones the Lord intervene to defend the apostles that had been accused to be out of the social context. The apostle, in all their lives felt the hunting of fierce persons against them. The reason was the doctrine of Christians love and the witnesses to Christ. In fact they said: Christ is risen from the dead, for forty days we have been with Him, we ate with Him, we touched Him with our own hands. You cannot be a disciple of Christ different from others. Even you have to give to the world you beautiful witness of a Christian that is walking towards the risen Christ that are waiting in heaven. If you will be faithful to Christ. Your enemy will be humiliate from God. Use charity with everyone, be always humble and obedient to your duty. The risen Jesus is watching on you, comfort the difficulties that you have in your heart. "If you will not feel shame, of me in front of men, I will not feel shame of you in front of my Father".

When you will see Jesus that wants to show gratitude for the courage that you had in witnessing your faith, you'll feel sorry for not having done more.

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