

Be Saints cause I am Saint, <<Lev. 19. 1>>

Abraham, the father of our faith, when he prayed, he put before God in truth of himself, "I dare speak to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes" <<Gen. 18, 27>>. Do not think too highly of yourself God knows everything. The testimony of your conscience, is always against you. The testimony of your heart convinces you that you can not free yourself from the sins that you have committed. Ask the Risen Christ that makes you realise that you are of little value. If you go deep to yourself, you'll find nothing. Ask for the Grace to free you for any reputation of yourself. Abraham is one of the greatest Saint in the history of salvation. "I am dust and ashes," he prayed think that the Grace of the Lord Jesus will be propitious if you'll be humble before Him. Sink into the abyss of your humility. Jesus Resurrected will look from Heaven and will not leave you to yourself, will give you what you lack the strength to face life that is becoming impossible. He will live the love that you always searched and never found, He'll help you in your innumerable needs, will put you under his shelter and protect you from the danger of losing your faith. "He'll crown you with his compassion and mercy" <<Psalm. 101 >>. Crown means that He gives you the gifts of Grace that you have earned for having kept the faith. That faith which was tested by temptations and difficulties. Stay humble, think that Jesus made you a winner. "I have overcome the world, rejoice".

St. Augustine says that our temptations are in His temptations, our victory is in His Victory. He took upon himself our fragility and gave us the power of His divinity. When you reject the temptation of despair, you let work in you the mysterious power of the Risen Christ. He who rejoices in the storm that the wickedness of men and women has sparked world wide, by the humility had deprived of his presumption. It opened so the way of his heart to Jesus, which could operate with his divine power." Will give you the crown of Grace and mercy", gives you the crown that is given to those who have won, gives you the gifts of grace that He deserved. St. Paul was hindered in preaching by preachers who were envious of him. He called them pseudo apostles. His Christians wrote. I have struggled a lot more than all of them: then he adds, not I, but the grace of God that is in me". Before was going to die, he wrote: I have fought the good fight. But not me, the grace of God together with me, never be haughty, always praise the Lord and never forget I will give you the crown of His mercy. His Grace will support you so that you will not fall any more. He'll provide the necessary energy to endure to the end. Not a hair of your head will go lost, says the Lord. You can praise the God eternally never be diminished, always bless the Lord for all the problems you cannot solve. He'll give you the retribution of what He has won in you. Do not underestimate the church, the Christians sinners have come into the open. Jesus has not withdrawn.

The word of God, faith, the Sacraments and the guide of good souls. To the Church Jesus has giving the tasks of baptising and celebrating the Eucharist. The Church has entrusted the task of taking care of your vocation to Christianity, in case you want to persevere in faith. Be humble, listen to Jesus Risen Christ who speaks to you in his Church and through confession and the Eucharist, makes you walk safely, to Heaven. Jesus has call you to obedience to the faith, in prayer that He did after having given to the Church the Eucharist, before going to die, said: pro eis sanctify me ipsum. I sanctify myself, to sanctify them. You have been called to the greatest thing that exists in the universe the sanctity, the conformity most perfect to God, the participation to the mission to salvation of men and women through prayer, the witness and good work. What is holiness? The sanctity accordingly to what God wants, to what God does. The Heavenly Father, to make more palpable what He thinks, what He wants, what He does, He has sent his Son. Jesus Risen is our model to which we must confirm our thoughts, our feelings, and our behaviour. Its clear that this journey of conformity to God can not be easy, cause we have powerful enemies capable of influencing our human and Christian existence. Satan. The materialistic and hedonistic world, and bad Christians. They put impediments this process of conformity to God for be saints, "you be saints cause I am holy" <<Lev. 19.

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