



Scripture nugget - Unity in the Truth

In Him we have redemption by His blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of His grace that He lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, He has made known to us the mystery of His will in accord with His favor that He set forth in Him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth. (Ephesians 1:7-10).

Jesus comes to heal all division. Division originates from rebellion against the divine order of God. It came about after the act of original sin in the Garden of Eden, wedging an obstacle in all future human relationships. Today we witness division in all aspects of life and all levels of society. The Holy Church has not been spared. The division in our Church is a scandal which caused it to lose much moral authority in the eyes of the world. The division in the Church caused by a straying away from divine doctrine and adopting the spirit of the world has been prophesized. *For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine but, following their own desires and insatiable curiosity, will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth and will be diverted to myths (2 Timothy 4:3-4).* God's ultimate plan for unity and fulfilment is to unite everyone in Christ through His Blood on the Cross (cf. Ephesians 2:14-16). We need the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth to consume all iniquities and ignite its fire in the souls of members of the Church so that we will once again embrace the same mission, the same vision and be on holy fire like the Apostles when the Holy Spirit descended powerfully upon them on the first Pentecost.

Unity in truth starts with each of us. To be united with Christ, the Eternal Truth (cf. John 14:6), we have to root ourselves in the truth. The Word of God is truth (cf. John 17:17). Christ tells us the truth will set us free (cf. John 8:32). The truth helps us to discern the difference between good and evil even if the evil is dressed up to look good. The truth, working through the inspirations of the Holy Spirit, throws light on our attitudes, human opinion, human ideologies and falsities that the world wants to promulgate to us. The Word of God, being the unchanging, eternal truth, is a completely reliable standard to adjudge and expose falsehoods posing as good and true. Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth (cf. John 16:13), teach us everything and remind us of everything Jesus told us (cf. John 14:26). To open our hearts to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit, we need to have humility and interior silence, to purify our hearts of hard-heartedness, hatred, unforgiveness, and bitterness. We unite ourselves to those around us by practising the unconditional love of Christ. Thus, St Paul exhorts us to put on the mind of Christ, use words that build up, and to consider the welfare of others as more important than ours.

Conversation with Jesus: Precious Lord, before Your Passion You prayed for unity of Your disciples, that they be one as You and the Father are one, they in You, You in them (cf. John 17:21). It is only when we are one in You that we are one with the Father, and that the glory of God is fully manifested to us. This is when our free will become immersed in the divine will of God. Thus, creation awaits expectantly, joyfully the revealing of God's children (cf. Romans 8:19). Give me the grace to desire my union with You by rooting myself in Your truth, and manifesting Your unconditional love to others; love is our bond. Holy love is truth. I consecrate myself through Mary to Your divine will. Come, Holy Spirit, come with Your awesome power and unite everyone in love and truth! Mary, Mother of Salvation, pray for us. Thank You, Jesus. Praise You, Jesus.