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The Challenge of Galatians 5

by Fr. Francis Martin

Paul introduces the main theme of the letter to the Galatians at the letter's beginning. He calls this letter, written in the early 50's of our era: "the Truth of the Gospel," that is, the fact that the death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ have set us free. He "...gave himself for our sins that he might rescue us from the present evil age according to the will of our God and Father; to whom be glory for ages of ages, Amen" (Gal.1:4-5).

I wish in this brief article to consider the grace of baptism in the Holy Spirit as the experience of "the truth of the Gospel." I will consider it in the light of chapter 5 of the Letter to the Galatians, comparing the two famous lists in Galatians 5:13-26 which Paul calls the "works of the flesh" and "the fruit of the Spirit." Here is the first of the two lines:

"The works of the flesh are manifest, such are: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, rage, rivalry, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I forewarn you [now] as I forewarned you [then]: those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God" (Gal. 5:19-21).

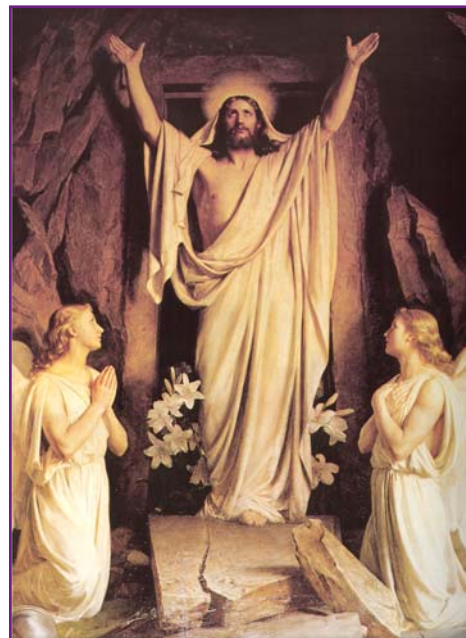
It is significant, I think, that of the fourteen "works" listed here,

- eight have to do with interpersonal relationships
- four have to do with sensuality
- two deal with false worship

Each involves a certain emotional component and many are often affected by emotional memories and wounds. Paul tells us that there is a way of being free from these works of the flesh: *through the power of the act of love in which Jesus died and into which we are baptized.* "As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ" (Gal. 3:27); "Or are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?... If then we died with Christ, we believe that we will live with him; knowing that Christ, raised from the dead, will die no more. Death has power over him no longer. The death he died he died to sin, once for all; the life he lives he lives to God (Rom. 6: 3. 8-10).

Overcoming the flesh and baptism in the Holy Spirit

I would like to begin with a definition. By "baptism in the Holy



Spirit," I mean a grace of revelation by which the Holy Spirit reveals to the spirit of the believer the divine Lordship of Jesus Christ, conferring personal and intimate faith knowledge of him as Son of God who is present in the heart of the believer and Head over his Body, the Church.

This revelation is the source of power and conviction enabling someone to overcome sinful drives and bear effective witness to what has been received, carrying out this witness with the signs appropriate to it. In this brief essay, I will restrict myself principally to that death to sin and life to God that is the heart of holiness.

Experience in Charismatic Renewal points to the fact that the capacity to die to sin and live to God takes on a very special and intense

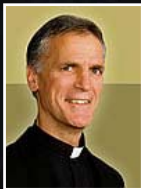
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dimension with baptism in the Holy Spirit. Because one is conscious of grace, there is a growing awareness of the difference between flesh and S(s)pirit and, with this awareness, an endowment with power to “put the deeds of the body to death” (Rom. 8:13). Such advice only makes explicit the teaching about ongoing change in the Christian life which we have already considered.

The motive for desiring change is love based upon a personal knowledge of Jesus Christ and a deep gratitude for what he has done for all of the human race by his death and resurrection.

Such love is not possible without that work of the Holy Spirit which makes the possession of grace a conscious reality. Because of this love, the convicting role of the Holy Spirit is accepted and there is sorrow for sin, now seen not as a dangerous infraction of the law of a remote God, but as a personal refusal of his grace. This marks a radical shift in one’s personal center of gravity.

Repentance is the work of revelation. It is the means by which the Holy Spirit applies to the life of the believer the healing grace that comes from the cross of Christ. Let us consider some aspects of this grace of repentance.

The first revelation usually understood after baptism in the Holy Spirit is the distinction between the two sources of energy available to the believer: the flesh and the Spirit. Little by little, we come to grasp how much of our past life, even in religious matters, was dominated by our own energy. We may have studied St. Paul and acknowledged the existence of a human spirit enlivened and submitted to the Holy Spirit as well as another aspect of that same human personality still opposed to God, but when the Holy Spirit quickens our spirit, this distinction becomes a matter of experience. We see the difference

between a willed conformity to the demands of the Gospel and an intimate yielding to the action of Christ. We have a greater capacity to perceive and acknowledge the true source of much of our activity: our ego with its ignorance and fear of God. We realize, little by little, the pervasive nature of our self concern. The sign that this growing awareness is a work of the Lord and not a psychological phenomenon is this: revelation in this area is marked by extraordinary honesty and peace. The admission of sin openly and repentantly is done with sorrow, but without a great deal of emotional concomitance.

If we allow the grace of the Holy Spirit to lead us to a serious examination of the source of our motives and drives, two things result. First, there is a willingness to wait for revelation and, secondly, there is an increased capacity to discern the genuine will of God. Daily repentance is the source of all solid discernment. By comparison, when a worker for the Lord, baptized in the Holy Spirit but not seeking to reach the depths of that grace, undertakes and sustains his activity in the power of his own desires, imagination, and willpower (his flesh), then the consequent depletion of these resources leads him to a search for compensation on the same level as that of the output. Flesh begets flesh. Exaggerated or even sinful modes of conduct ensue, both to sustain the project and to compensate the minister.

On the other hand, the most beautiful fruit of experiencing an ongoing death to sin is the fact that we grow in our assurance of God’s saving work in our lives and in knowledge of God himself. Faith grows deeper as we know more deeply the liberating work of the cross in our lives: “Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father in me, or else believe because of the works themselves” (Jn. 14, 11). This ever-deepening rhythm of

knowing God found eloquent expression in the medieval axiom: “God is known in his effects.”

The fruit of the Spirit and baptism in the Holy Spirit
But the fruit of the Spirit is: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, humility, self-control. Against things such as these there is no law.

The flesh produces “works” that manifest the scattered and disordered state of our fallen structure. The Spirit brings forth one lightsome and many sided fruit, that is, a Christian personality that manifests the beauty of Christ: “I live, now not I, Christ lives in me.” As baptism in the Holy Spirit, a contemplative grace from its inception, reaches its full maturity, the tumult of the flesh gives way to the unhindered fruitfulness of the Spirit:



Once the soul is placed at the peak of perfection and freedom of spirit in God, all the repugnancies and contradictions of sensuality have ceased, she no longer has any other activity to engage her than surrender to the delights and joys of intimate love of her Bridegroom.

(St. John of the Cross, The Spiritual Cantic, 36. 1-2).



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March, 2010 Calendar

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Wednesday, March 10

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 207 S. School St., Santa Maria 93454.

Friday, March 12

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Jerry Thompson at St. Rose of Lima Church, 1305 Royal Ave., Simi Valley, 93065.

SAN FERNANDO REGION

Friday, March 5

Talk, "Why the Cross?", 7:30pm with Dominic Berardino at Our Lady of Peace Parish - Classroom B, 15444 Nordhoff St., North Hills, 91343.

Wednesday, March 10

Mass & Healing Service, 6:30pm with Fr. Mike Manning at St. Mel's, 20870 Ventura Bl., Woodland Hills, 91364.

Sunday, March 14

"The Passion of Christ and Our Cross: How to Find Strength and Meaning in Our Hardships", 1:00-2:30pm with Dominic Berardino at the SCRC

Teaching Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank, 91504. Love offering. See page 5.

Thursday, March 18

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 19855 Sherman Way, Canoga Park, 91306.

Saturday, March 20

SCRC Formation Series, "Foundations of Prayer Ministry" 1:00-4:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at the SCRC Teaching Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank, 91504. See page 5.

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Sat. & Sun., March 27 & 28

SCRC Spring Conference, "God's Dream for Us", 10:00am-5:00pm at Santa Teresita Medical Center, (Madonna Hall) 819 Buena Vista St., Duarte, 91010. One Day: \$21, before Mar. 12. Register online at www.scrc.org or see page 7 for registration form.

SAN PEDRO REGION

Thursday, March 11

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Jesse Galaz at Our Lady of the Rosary, 14815 S. Paramount Bl., Paramount, 90723 (Praise & Worship at 7pm)

Monday, March 15

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Joshua Lee at St. Linus, 13915 Shoemaker Ave., Norwalk, 90650.

Monday, March 22

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Mike Gleeson at St. Cornelius, 5500 E. Wardlow Rd., Long Beach, 90808.

Friday, March 26

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Jerry Thompson at Mary Star of the Sea Church, 877 W. 7th St., San Pedro, 90731. (Praise & Worship 7:00pm)

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Monday, March 22

Mass & Healing Service, 7:15pm with Fr. Eamon O'Gorman at St. Angela Merici, 585 S. Walnut, Brea, 92821.

April, 2010 Calendar

SANTA BARBARA REGION

Friday, April 9

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Mike Sears at St. Rose of Lima Church, 1305 Royal Ave., Simi Valley, 93065.

Wednesday, April 14

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Abbot David Geraets, OSB at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 207 S. School St., Santa Maria, 93454.

Wednesday, April 28

Bi-lingual Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with Fr. Eugenio Cardenas, MSPS at Santa Clara Church, 323 S. 'E' St., Oxnard, 93030.

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SAN FERNANDO REGION

Saturday, April 10

"Intercession Day for our economy", 12:30-4:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at the SCRC Teaching Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank, 91504. Mass at 1pm. Love offering.

Sunday, April 11

Divine Mercy Sunday, 1:00pm Mass, Chaplet of Divine Mercy with Fr. Mike Sears at St. Mel Church, 20870 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills, 91364.

Wednesday, April 14

Mass & Healing Service, 6:30pm with Fr. Charles Lueras, CRIC at St. Mel, 20870 Ventura Bl., Woodland Hills, 91364.

Saturday, April 17

SCRC Formation Series, "Foundations of Prayer Ministry" 1:00-4:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at the SCRC Teaching Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank, 91504. See page 5.

Sunday, April 18

"Heaven: The Most Wonderful Place of All!", 1:00-2:30pm with Dominic Berardino at the SCRC Teaching Center, 9795 Cabrini Dr., #209, Burbank, 91504. Love offering. See page 5.

SAN GABRIEL REGION

Saturday, April 24

Mass & Healing Service, 7:00pm with at St. Louis of France Church, 13935 Temple, La Puente 91746.

SAN PEDRO REGION

Thursday, April 8

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Jesse Galaz at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 14815 S. Paramount Blvd., Paramount, 90723 (Praise & Worship at 7:00pm)

Monday, April 19

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Albert Avenido at St. Linus, 13915 Shoemaker Ave., Norwalk, 90650.

Monday, April 26

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Bill Delaney, SJ at St. Cornelius

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Friday, April 30

Mass and Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Albert Avenido at Mary Star of the Sea Church, 877 W. 7th St., San Pedro, 90731. (Praise & Worship 7:00pm)

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Friday, April 16

Mass & Healing Service, 7:30pm with Fr. Mike Sears at St. John the Baptist, 1015 Baker St., Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

Monday, April 26

Mass & Healing Service, 7:15pm with Fr. Martin Nguyen at St. Angela Merici, 585 S. Walnut, Brea, 92821.

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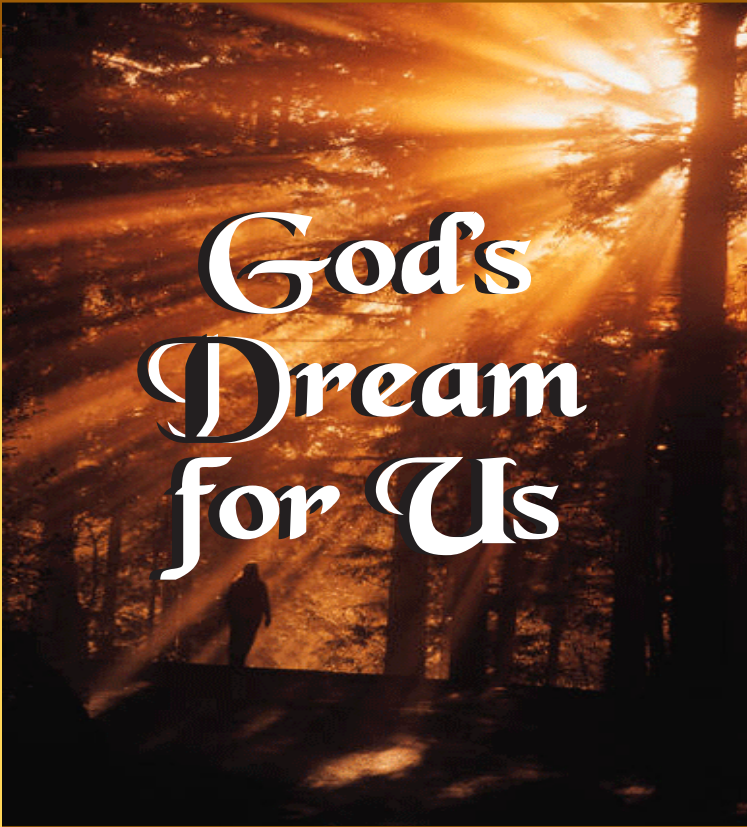
Fr. George Reynolds
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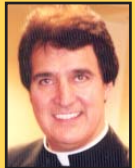
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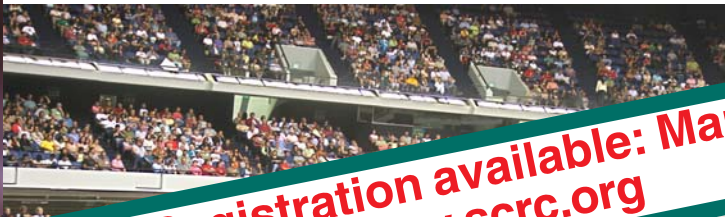
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