

# PENTECOST AND PAROUSIA

## 3. The Holy Spirit as the Memory and the Desire of God

# THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

“he will take what is mine and declare it to you” (John 16: 15)

“he will declare to you the things that are to come” (John 16: 13)

“he will convince the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment” (John 16: 8)

# PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

Past: “The Holy Spirit is the living memory of the Church” (Catechism, para. 1099).

The Spirit recalls the teaching of Jesus and makes it alive in the preaching of the Word and in the celebration of the sacraments.

This recalling awakens **praise** and **thanksgiving**.

So the Church’s worship is made up of the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of sacrament (above all the eucharist)

The Church's remembering is not like ordinary human remembering. It is much more, because it is done in the Holy Spirit. The creator Spirit makes present now God's mighty works in the passover of Jesus.

- Anamnesis Catechism, para. 1103
- Epiclesis Catechism, para. 1105

# GOD REMEMBERS AND WE REMEMBER

When we remember God's mighty deeds, we ask God to remember. When God remembers, He acts to renew the originating grace among us.

God remembering: Deut. 9: 27; Ps. 25: 6; 78: 39; 89: 50; 98: 3; 105: 42; 106: 4; 119: 49; 136: 23; Is. 63: 11.

Us remembering: Ex. 12: 14; 13: 5; Deut. 16: 3; Ps. 105: 5; 137: 1; 143: 5.

# REMEMBERING THE PROMISES

- This remembering by the Christian community in the Holy Spirit also has a strong orientation to the future.
- Why? Because God's mighty deeds in the past were always associated with **promises**.
- Remembering the Last Supper includes the orientation of the Jewish Passover towards the future coming of the Messiah.

# BETWEEN PENTECOST & PAROUSIA

All our Christian life, worship and service takes place **BETWEEN**

**First Coming of Jesus and  
Second Coming of Jesus**

Always expressing what God has done in Jesus  
And what He will do when Jesus comes in  
glory.

A revelation of the deepest longing of Jesus:

“With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.” (Luke 22: 15 - 16).

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” (1 Cor. 11: 26).



# THE HOLY SPIRIT AS THE LONGING OF THE FATHER'S HEART

When we receive the Holy Spirit, the longings of God's heart are poured into our hearts.

Our human desires are purified and transformed into the desires of Jesus.

“I came to cast fire on the earth; and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how I am constrained until it is accomplished.” (Luke 12: 49).

The cry of Jesus on the Cross: “I thirst”.

On the cross, Jesus breathes out his Spirit. Blood and water flow out: the Bride is formed from the body of Christ as Eve was formed from the side of Adam.

The longing that the Holy Spirit places within the Bride and teaches the Bride:

“The Spirit and the Bride say Come”.

# THE PROMISES

The promises of the Lord to Israel are taken up by Jesus and expanded, filled out, through the revelation of Him as Messiah, Saviour, Son of God:

Promises of coming rule of Jesus

of the coming glory (Rom. 8: 18)  
of resurrection of body on last day  
of defeat and destruction of Satan

# PROMISES ARE FOR ALL

These promises are for all people, Jews and Gentiles, fulfilled in and through God's chosen people (the Church of Jew and Gentile).

They are personal, but not individual.

Yes, we have personal callings, but the different callings all serve the one mission, the one goal.

Receiving these promises means letting go of our self-centredness, the focus on ourselves.

# PURIFICATION

When we receive more of the Holy Spirit, when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, there remains a tension:

- Between our enjoyment, our happiness, our sense of God's favour
- And the character of God's gift that is for all and is for the service of all.

This tension calls for continual purification.

# LONGINGS breathed into us by the Holy Spirit

- To see Jesus face to face
- To be free from suffering, trial, and temptation
- To enter into the fulness of praise, of worship before the throne of God and of the Lamb
- To enjoy the fullest intimacy of the great marriage union of the Lamb and the Bride
- To see the work of evangelism completed, and to see the glory and harmony of all creation in the new heavens and the new earth

# WHAT DO WE HAVE TO DO?

- **1. BELIEVE.**
- **2. RECEIVE.**

The gift is the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The hope and the longing, the assurance of God's faithfulness and the coming fulfilment, the fullness of the hope, are included in the gift of the Holy Spirit.



When we have received the Holy Spirit, the seed of the coming Kingdom, the coming glory, is already in us.

We have to receive the Word with the promises, so that we know what we have received.

If we think the Holy Spirit just means more power, then maybe that is all we are conscious of - but then only receive part - with possible distortion. It is the whole vision that places each element in its right place and order.

# THEREFORE

- **1. BELIEVE THE WORD (All)**
- **2. RECEIVE THE SPIRIT (All)**