

# Christ Conquers Confusion & Corruption

and, with Him, WE CONQUER the Devil's malice in today's Church & World

“We must suffer with Christ in order that to be glorified with Him” (Romans 8:17)

## DEFEATING “DEFEATISM”

**A**N EARLIER *Handouts* n. 58, ‘Shonky’, aimed to cheer-up lay apostles who were *dismayed* by the many defects in churchmen, bureaucracies and faithful, of false doctrine and false morals, and even immorality.

However, Satan is now extending his conquests. *Dismay sinks into gloom*. He tempts new victims to new sorts of sins against Faith, Hope and Charity.

Those who live in gloom are failing to look with the eyes of the Lord Jesus, to think what He thinks, and to do what He wills us to do about it.

**T**HIS *Handouts* is a sequel to n. 58. We must not get embittered, nor weaken the work of Christ, by stepping into see the new **snare**s of the **Enemy** — Father of Lies and Prince of Darkness.

The sign of a “gloomer” is living in gloom, radiating gloom and doom. They are depressed, even despairing. **But a Christian cannot be a pessimist.**

The “gloomers” are forgetting:-

- the triumphs of God Who does nothing in vain;
- the glory of His creation filling heaven and earth;
- the glory of the Incarnation of the Son of God;
- His Public Ministry: tutoring the apostles;
- His Passion and Death, a glory veiled at the time;
- His triumphant Resurrection, “they saw His glory”;
- His sending the Holy Spirit from the Father;
- that His Holy Catholic Church is a miracle, despite all things to the contrary in her wayward members.

**F**URTHER, in dealing with those ignorant of the problems, some are **failing to see** they must be as “subtle as serpents and gentle as doves” (Matthew 10:16).

We must make prudential judgement. We must learn *the discernment of spirits*. We must not **miss opportunities** nor the right way to mend the mess.

**CHRIST** wants, wishes, wills for us a **WIN-WIN** outcome, here-and-now, and hereafter.

**SATAN** has a counter plan: a **LOSE-LOSE-LOST** strategy of darkness, difficulties, doubt and despair.

His detailed tactics are to:-

### Deceive

- by half-truths, hence half-lies;
- by prompting us to forget what God is doing: concealment;
- by trading on those weaknesses we should be remedying.

### Demoralize

- weaken our Faith & Hope;
- destroy our inner peace;
- prompt us to spread his malevolence of gloom.

### Immobilize

- enlisting us to spread self-fulfilling rumours of defeat;
- by destroying apostolic action to build Christ's Kingdom;
- by weakening our Charity and Contrition.

## CHRIST CONQUERS!

Christ's Gospel agenda is still the same. What is more, it really works! **He has not failed**, it has not failed, **nor must we**. We must live and work to carry out the plan of our Lord Jesus Christ for us:-

- Contrition
- Faith
- Hope
- Charity

The Kingdom of God is at hand:  
**repent and believe** in the Gospel.

Mark 1:15

## CHRIST'S MYSTERIES BECOME OURS

1. In **meditative prayer**, e.g. the Rosary (see over).
2. In **Holy Mass**, the Sacramental Sacrifice.
3. In all the **Sacraments**.
4. In a **weekly cycle** of Sunday plus six days work.
5. In the **Liturgical Year**, a cycle of seasons and feasts.
6. In **daily life** by an intention to live in God's Presence.
7. **Morning Offering**: prayers, works, joys, sufferings.
8. **Almsgiving** (mercy as needed), **Prayer**, **Fasting**.

## INSPIRATION from coded LOGO or MOTTO

### Coded Mottoes in Latin and English

**UIOGD**, *Ut In Omnibus Glorificetur Deus*:

“in order that in everything God may be glorified”

1 Peter 4:11

which St Benedict took as his motto.

**AMDG**, *ad maiorem Dei gloriam*

“To the greater glory of God”

popularly presented as,

“All My Deeds for God.”

### Coded Monograms (letters all on top of each other)

**IHS** = **IHS**. The Greek ‘H’ is our E, so in English it is **JES**, short for Jesus. It's called the Divine Monogram, and popularized in Latin as, *Jesus Hominum Salvator*, “Jesus, Saviour of men.”

**IXΘΥΣ** is ‘fish’, in our letters *I-Ch-Th-U-S*. This can be code for a short creed, *Jesus CHRISTOS THEOU Uios Soter*, “Jesus Christ (is) God's Son (the) Saviour” — hence the stylized fish on car windows.

**XP** are the first letters of Christ in Greek where **X** (*chi*) is our ‘Ch’ and Greek **P** (*rho*) is our ‘R’, hence a monogram for the Holy Name Society.

### Piety in English

**JMJ** Jesus, Mary, Joseph

**SAG** St Anthony guard.

## NECESSARY & SUFFICIENT...

All we have to do to please God is to practise faith, hope and charity according to our state in life. It's a **simple recipe**, **hard to do**, but **it works**.

