What Must We Do to be Saved?

DIocese of Fargo
SYNOD AND EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL
ST. IRENAEUS [c. 190 AD] on SALVATION:

To save us from forfeiting life by losing the Spirit who possesses us, and to exhort us to share in the Spirit, the Apostle declares that it is impossible for flesh and blood to gain possession of the kingdom of God. In other words: Do not deceive yourselves, for if the Word of God and the Spirit of the Father do not dwell in you, and you lead a life of vanity and carelessness, as though you were merely flesh and blood, you cannot obtain the kingdom of God.

He says this to prevent us from indulging our physical nature and spurn-ing the grafting of the spirit, for when you were a wild olive, he says, you were grafted into the cultivated olive and came to share that olive’s rich sap. So just as with a grafted wild olive, if the graft fails to take, it is cut off and thrown into the fire, but if the graft is successful and the wild olive takes on the qualities of the cultivated one, it develops into a fruitful olive, like one planted in a royal garden; so we too, if faith leads us to reform and we receive the Spirit of God and produce the fruit of that Spirit, we too shall be spiritual, as if planted in the garden of God; but if we spurn the Spirit and remain what we were before, choosing to belong to the flesh rather than the Spirit, we would rightly be told: It is impossible for flesh and blood to gain possession of the kingdom of God: in other words, no wild olive will be admitted into God’s garden. Thus in comparing flesh and blood with the wild olive, the Apostle has given us a wonderful picture of our nature and of the whole of God’s plan for us.

The olive, if neglected and left to grow for a time in some deserted spot, becomes a wild olive again and produces poor fruit; but if it is taken care of once more and grafted, it returns to its earlier fertility. And it is the same with us. We too may become careless and allow the bad fruit of worldly desires to grow in us, and by our own fault fail to bear the fruits of righteousness. While we sleep the enemy sows weeds, which is why the Lord commanded his disciples to be watchful. If, however, when we have become barren of righteousness and as it were entangled in brambles, we are cared for again and receive the word of God like a graft, we then return to our original nature, the nature created in the image and likeness of God.

St Irenaeus, *Adversus Haereses* 5.9.4-10
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6:30–8:00 PM | Cathedral Church

Join us for a series of teachings on the Catholic doctrine of salvation given by Monsignor Laliberte.

Come when you can and invite your friends.

Thursday, February 2 | The Redemption of the World
Thursday, February 9 | Justification of the Soul
Thursday, February 16 | Sanctification: Individual and Social

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I. Redemption

THE LIFE OF GOD: THE TRINITY

TRUTH

GOODNESS

BEAUTY

Father

Son (Wisdom)

Holy Spirit (Will)

THE “ECONOMIC” TRINITY

Love
Mercy
(Sends)

Father

Communion
Peace
Joy

Son (Christ)

Grace

Holy Spirit
(Blessing)
Redemption = Objective Salvation

Justification
Sanctification
Salvation = Subjective Salvation

“Economy” of Salvation

(A) Objective Redemption

GOD
↓
JESUS = Incarnation

= Redemption
• Forgiveness
• Grace of New Life

(B) Subjective Redemption

The Word of God

1 Justification
Baptism

2 Sanctification
Good Works

3 Salvation
Enter the Kingdom

Eternal Life
II. Justification

\textit{THE NEW ADAM}

\begin{itemize}
  \item Man Created
  \item Man Fallen
\end{itemize}

\textbf{God’s Grace}

\begin{itemize}
  \item SOUL
  \item BODY
  \item REASON
  \item WILL
  \item IMAG
  \item PASSION
  \item SENSES
\end{itemize}

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\textbf{Man Redeemed: A Symbiosis}

\begin{itemize}
  \item Savior
  \item Christ
  \item Spirit
  \item Christian
  \item Saved
\end{itemize}
III. Sanctification

*STAR SAPPHIRE OF SALVATION*

- Repentance
- Faith
- Good Works
- Prayer
- Suffering
- Preached Word
- Church Teaching
- Sacrifice: Eucharist

JUSTIFICATION

SALVATION

SANCTIFICATION