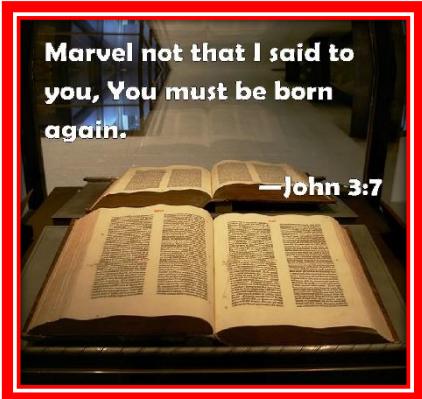
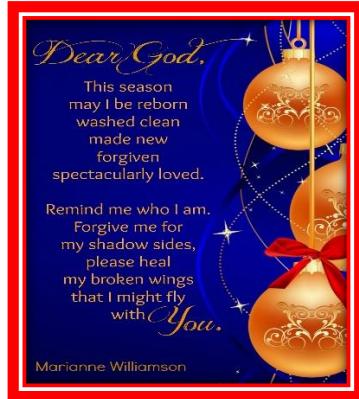


## April 21, 2020 – Tuesday of the 2nd Week of Easter



**"Moving into the state of being 'compatible in the spiritual realm' in order to experience the joy and peace of the Risen Lord!"**

**Acts 4:32-5:1 and Jn 3:7-15**

Compatibility" is a term that is increasingly becoming a common word in our everyday vocabulary, thanks to the widespread usage of computers and mobiles. Compatibility refers to the state in which two things can exist or occur together without problems or conflict. It is the capacity for two systems to work together, without having to be altered to do so.

Compatibility issue can also appear in our spiritual life. When we are not in proper terms with God, we fail to understand many of His plans for us. When we are not in line with God's Will, we lose out on grasping many of His aspirations for us. That is why the Lord will tell, in today's Gospel, "If I tell you about earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?" (Jn 3: 12)

The conversation between Nicodemus, in the darkness of the night and Jesus, the Light of the world continues. The Lord speaks of the need "to be born anew" and of how the movement of the Spirit cannot be judged, but its effects can be perceived and felt (Jn 3:7). But Nicodemus fails to understand these words of the Lord in his ignorance and unawareness, he puts forward a genuine doubt, "How can this be?" (Jn3:9). Nicodemus was unable to grasp the meaning of the words of the Lord. He looked lost. He seemed confused. He appeared bewildered. His thoughts were not "compatible" with the thoughts of the Lord. His understanding was not "compatible" with the wisdom spoken by the Lord. And so, Jesus says that one would fail to understand heavenly things, if one fails to even understand the earthly things.

How often is our life also, not “compatible” with the requirements of Jesus, and His Gospel! Our relationship with others, often fails to be “compatible” with the command of love of all. Our personal following of Jesus, often fails to be “compatible” with our dual mind of seeking also the pleasures of this world. We often experience a great deal of incompatibility”, in the spiritual realm. Let us seek to “update” our lives with the love and power of the Holy Spirit. Let us pledge to “upgrade” our lifestyles with the convictions and truths of the Holy Gospel. When we move into this state of “compatibility” in the spiritual level, we experience the joy and peace of the Risen Lord, just as the early Christian community. “Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power, the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all!” (Acts 4:32-33)

**Life message:** We need to adjust our lives, recognizing and making full use of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives: 1) We need to begin every day by asking for His Divine strength and guidance and end every day by asking His pardon and forgiveness for our sins. 2) We need, as well, to pray for His daily anointing and for His gifts, fruits and charisms so that we may live as children of God. 3) We also need to throw open the shutters and let the Spirit enter the narrow caves in which we bury ourselves.

**Let us pray:**

Lord Jesus, give me the grace and wisdom so that I may gradually move from a state of “How can this be?” to a state of “Indeed, it is so!” with the power of the Holy Spirit. Let me thirst for Him. Let me long for Him.

**Jesus, I Trust In You**