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Faith: Response to God's Love

CC 161 – Without faith it is impossible to please God

CC 142 –

Faith is to think and act with a sense.

Faith is to deposit an act of obedience.

CC 143, 144

2 Corinthians 5:7 and CC 164 – We walk by faith and not by sight.

CC 145 – Abraham acted in faith

CC 146 – Hebrews 11:1, “Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

CC 148 - Mary also acted in faith and remained faithful even at the foot of the cross.

Mary: Perfect personification of this gift of faith

CC 150 – Faith in God alone – he will never let you down, he is truth personified.

“To know Him is to love Him.”

CC 1814 – Definition of faith

It is not enough to just believe in God, even Satan believes in God. You must be obedient to God and to His church.

“Faith Alone?” – to contradict read, CC 1815 and 1816 and James 2:26 – “faith apart from works is dead.” / you must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it.

Faith proceeds Understanding

CC 158 St. Augustine, “I believe that I might better understand, and I understand that I might better believe.”

Your faith and THE faith are One!

Two dimensions of faith: Subjective and Objective

Characteristics of the Faith:

1. Faith is a grace – gift CC 153
2. Faith is a human act CC 154 & 155
3. Faith and Understanding CC 156
 - a. Faith is certain CC 157
 - b. Faith seeks understanding CC 158
 - c. Faith and science CC 159

Faith and Freedom CC 160

No one is to be coerced to accept the faith against his will.

CC 166 – Faith is personal and communal

CC 170 – Faith has a language

We do not believe in formulas or words, but what realities they express.

CC 171

CC 172

Hebrews 11:32 ff