

FAITH AND SACRAMENTS

FAITH AND VISION OF GOD

And He said: *'I will hide My face from them*, I will see what their end will be, For they are a perverse generation, Children in whom is no faith. *Deut 32:20*

FAITH AND SALVATION

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for *it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes*, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." *Rom 1:16-17*

FAITH AND DIVINE JOY

5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; *Rom 5:1-3*

25 And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy of faith, *Phil 1:25-26*

FAITH AND ABIDING IN GOD

8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, *the word of faith* which we preach): *Rom 10:7-8*

FAITH AND BRETHREN

Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. *Rom 14:1*

FAITH AND PREACHING

4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. *1 Cor 2:4-5*

FAITH AND RISEN LIFE

14 And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. *1 Cor 15:14-15*

FAITH AND VICTORY

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. 14 Let all that you do be done with love. *1 Cor 16:13-14*

Above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; *Eph 6:16-17*

8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. *1 Thess 5:8-9*

FAITH AND THE DIVINE TUTOR

But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. *Gal 3:25*

FAITH AND ADOPTION TO GOD

26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. *Gal 3:26-28*

15 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 *Eph 1:15*

do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:

FAITH AND BOLDNESS

In whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. *Eph 3:12-13*

FAITH AND DIVINE MYSTERIES

That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height-- *Eph 3:17-19*

FAITH AND HEAVENS

11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. *Heb 11:1-2*

The seven sacraments are the mystery of the supernatural divine love.

- ❖ It bestows upon the believer to be a **special child of God** (*The Sacrament of Baptism*).
- ❖ And to be a **temple of His Holy Spirit** (*The Sacrament of Holy Chrismation*).
- ❖ And offers him a **heavenly banquet for his growth** (*The Sacrament of the Eucharist*).
- ❖ And **washes him from every filthy** for the growth of his spiritual stature that he may become an icon of Christ (*The Sacrament of Repentance and Confession*).
- ❖ He attains **sharing in the priesthood of Christ** (*The Sacrament of Priesthood*).
- ❖ And **changes his house into a heavenly agency** (*The Sacrament of Matrimony*).
- ❖ At last if he suffers **all other members share him his suffering**, and pray for him (*The Sacrament of the Unction of the Sick*).

This is the mystery of Love, the mystery of the Heavenly wedding.

“For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy.

For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.”

(2 Cor 11:2)