



DISCOVER

To discover, for a Christian, is to have a perspective of wonder and a triumphant concept of Christianity, not as a renewed adventure in which all or nothing is played, but in which he who is brave enough to risk his whole self, never loses in terms of eternity.

To discover is to know that the life of man is an arrow shot from nothing to infinity, from the transient to the immutable, from time to Eternity.

To discover for us is to have become aware or regained consciousness in three days, that we can be more and a better Christian throughout all our life. It means not staying in the "noise" of the accidental or in the "showiness" of what is important, but to point and commit ourselves to the essential, which for a Christian cannot be anything other than what is Fundamental to being a Christian. It is something like an awakening to the luminous horizon of possibilities that Baptism and Confirmation open to us; the possibility of being born, living, suffering, dying and resurrecting with Christ, making the perennial validity and efficacy of the Redemption concrete and palpable.

To discover is to verify that because we are Church, Christians are Christ in the present time of this hectic twentieth century and this obliges us, as balanced men, to stop along the way and ask ourselves if the image of Christ that we reflect to the world, that it certainly needs, is authentic and convincing or on the contrary, if our individual and shared testimony can make someone repeat what an atheistic thinker said not long ago: "I do not question the dignity of Christianity, I question the unworthiness of Christians". These are harsh words and perhaps not very well-intentioned, since we should never generalize, but when faced with criticism, instead of becoming defensive, it is more suitable to self-examine in order to discover, with the help of God, (which is never lacking if we are humble) what truth there is in it, immediately correct that and continue the march with new vigor, and in turn allowing the portion of errors or lies that many times are contained in criticism, to vanish by the force and authenticity of our testimony. Only this way will everything in the life of a Christian be positive and there will be nothing wasted. What "good" comes is appreciated and what "bad" comes is offered; there is a reason Saint Augustine said: "Everything is Grace".



To discover is not to settle for having had or wanting to have a personal encounter with Christ, but to start a dialogue, establish a friendship, undertake a follow-up with all our trials in order to end up living in a community with Him, which is like glimpsing and even asking what the “eternal embrace” in the bosom of the Father will be. Only by this "narrow path" can we understand why the Christian is a man who discovers and trusts, accepts and hopes, because the Holy Spirit makes him understand and interpret Saint Paul when he tells us "that the doctrine of the cross is nonsense for those who are lost but the power of God for those who are saved", even if the lukewarm and dirty at heart are scandalized and the incredulous or “cold” point to it as if it were crazy.

Brothers and sisters, the most formidable does not consist in having discovered it, but rather, that if we want we can make everyone discover it, because we can and must be transmitters and witnesses of the jubilant and triumphant message of Salvation that Christ bequeathed to us, so that tomorrow we can rediscover it together, in a permanent reissue of what is reliable and true since it is the WAY, the TRUTH AND the LIFE.

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