# IN THE NAME OF JESUS I TRIUMPH !

# Key to God's Omnipotence

# What heals us or WHO heals us?

Today, there are many forms of superstition: People gullibly follow the lunar calendar, believe in horoscopes, in the effects of homeopathy or Bach flower drops, seek help from other religions. But what really helps?

No esoteric method, no formula helps and heals us, but only the living faith in Jesus Christ, who defeated the power of Satan on the cross! The Holy Scripture and many faithful people who have put all their trust in Jesus Christ testify to this.

# **Testimony from the Catechism**

432 ... JESUS is the divine name that alone brings salvation...

434 ... Henceforth the NAME JESUS fully manifests the supreme power of the name "which is above every name" (Phil 2:9). The evil spirits fear His NAME (Acts I6:16), in His NAME His disciples perform miracles (Mark I6:17), for the Father grants all they ask in this name (Jn 15:16).

2616 Prayer to JESUS is answered by Him already during His ministry through signs that anticipate the power of His death and Resurrection. JESUS hears the prayer of faith expressed in words by the leper, (Mk 1:40f), by Jaïrus (Mk 5:36), by the Canaanite woman (Mk 7:29) and the good thief (Lk 23:39f), or in silence: by the bearers of the paralytic (Mk 2:5); the woman with a hemorrhage who touches his clothes (Mk 5:28); the tears and ointment of the sinful woman (Lk 7:37f). The urgent request of the blind man, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" (Mt 9:27); or "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (Mk 10:48) has been renewed in the traditional prayer to Jesus known as the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner!" Healing infirmities or forgiving sins, Jesus always responds to a prayer offered in faith:"Your faith has made you well; go in peace."

# The Example of Faith of the Saintly Alois Schmid

Full of faith in the promise of Jesus (Mark 16:17f), he called on the name of Jesus in incurable sickness, was healed and healed many.

The first word of Christ he lived by is: "He who believes will be saved." For him, this faith was not mere acceptance and acquiescence. He demanded that the Catholic faith be truly lived. Once he wrote the short words to a friend in a gift book: "Believe everything!" Truly, he translated the whole Apostolic Creed into life for us. Alois Schmid, in his down-to-earth way coined the first confession of our Apostolic Creed to God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, into the word "Lord is our Lord God." How often did he call this word into the souls of priests and laity with all the strength of his conviction, raising it up like an invisible dam when despondency and earthly ways of thinking flooded in! How often did he pull souls out of their anxious concern for the temporal and up into unconditional faith in the power of God! This word from his mouth had such power because he himself had first believed it persistently and completely in the hard trials of his own life, because in the midst of the battles of the war, in terrible physical and mental suffering, through contempt, misjudgement and slander, he had held steadfastly to it.

He translated the second confession of our Apostolic Creed in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, our Saviour, in his own language with the words: "IN THE NAME OF JESUS I TRIUMPH." For him, faith in Jesus Christ was not merely faith in the accomplished redemption, in the sacraments administered by the Church. He believed in the whole everpresent fullness and power of the Saviour, ... in the Christ who truly conquered death and hell and disarmed the dark powers and authorities on the cross. His faith embraced the whole fullness of the Catholic idea. And he lived this faith. His power he executed. Where nature comes with its fears, where reason offers its ifs and buts ... he demanded one hundred percent faith. With this faith, he defended himself, he commanded the flood of physical and mental suffering, which flowed to him more and more, he raised up the broken, he broke spiritual bonds, he healed and converted. In this powerful NAME OF JESUS he himself was victorious.

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#### **ST. VINCENT:**

#### The NAME JESUS has a threefold power:

- 1. against moral weaknesses.
- 2. against physical calamities.
- 3. against all dangers.

#### **ST. LAURENTIUS JUSTINIANUS:**

When you are sick and afflicted with pain, when you are afflicted with sinful, despairing thoughts, either vigorously pronounce or think the NAME OF JESUS. In danger, in terror, in the house or on the road, wherever you are, pronounce the NAME of JESUS our Saviour, but not with the mouth alone, but also with the heart, with devotion; for th NAME has the power which strengthens the heart, promotes devotion, and prepares the mind of those who call on Him for blessedness.

#### Thoughts by the Servant of God Niklaus Wolff:

He himself received healing twice by invoking the name of Jesus and through prayer, he obtained health for many people in the name of Jesus. "His motto was: To the glory of the most holy NAME OF JESUS, for the salvation of men and the overthrow of hell! The NAME of the Lord is rich enough for all who call upon Him." "The NAME of JESUS - O how powerful is this NAME. For only in this NAME can we be blessed. What we ask in this NAME we receive. If we had but a grain of mustard seed of faith in this Holy NAME, what could we do! We would move mountains, heal the sick, cast out devils. Yes, let every knee bow before this holy NAME, of those who are in heaven, on earth and under the earth. O that we had a living faith and unwavering trust in JESUS! This is the foundation of all virtues, without which they are all deficient, by which the NAME of God may be greatly glorified."

"So I dared, because my heart was too full of it, when there was a suffering, a need, in my house and in my kinship and vicinity, to speak of the NAME JESUS, of faith and trust. I prayed for help in the NAME OF JESUS and received it. As often as I sought, I found. As often as I knocked, it was opened to me. What I asked the Father in heaven, I received. How could I still doubt! I did not make one false request to the Lord." (45/46)

"I exhort people not to leave their bedrooms in the morning without first falling on their knees and making a fervent prayer to God. Only then, I tell them, can one begin the day in the NAME OF JESUS and expect the assistance of God in all business and activities. I also exhort them to end the day with fervent night prayer and repentance of their sins, and to go to rest in the NAME OF JESUS." (58)

"It is not enough to believe that God can help. Everyone who believes in God believes that. One must believe that He really does help us, since He has assured us that He will grant us what we ask of Him. Why should we not believe His words? After all, he is the eternal, infallible truth. What the Lord promises, He keeps, but we must believe Him" (69/70)

"Let us make every effort to have a childlike trust in Jesus, in all temptation, in all afflictions, pains and sicknesses, always remembering: I build and trust in my dear JESUS. JESUS, you are my Saviour, my Helper, my Protector! Yes, dearest JESUS, I will not go away from you, you will certainly help me. You will not leave me!" (92)

# **CREDERE DEO**

#### Part 1: Credere Deum

What is faith? St. Augustine coined it in the short phrase: "Credere Deum, credere Deo, credere in Deum".

Credere Deum = I believe in the existence of God: He is really present. He sees me and loves me.

Credere Deo = I believe in His Word, especially in His revealed Word, which He speaks to me in Jesus.

Credere in Deo = literally: I believe in Him, i.e. I surrender myself completely to His loving will. He may do with me what He wants and what is good for me alone.

What do empty churches - a layer of dust on our Bible in the bookshelf - cobwebs on the cross in God's corner testify of?

Unbelief in the omnipotence of God: Do I believe that Jesus in the tabernacle can really help me, heal me, comfort me?

Of disbelief in the omniscience of God: Do I believe that His Word really gives me light, gives my life orientation and meaning?

(Br. Klaus: Creation story: accept like a child - don't stop when I don't understand something. Have you ever read the Bible all the way through? Do you know the Word of God? And what does my fear of saying "Yes!" to God's will testify to? Of unbelief that God loves me like a father.

# Yes to God's will - no to Satan's will!

85% of suffering is the fruit of sin, of unforgiveness ...

Who do I believe? The mass media, the politicians, or Jesus Christ, the Holy Scripture, the Pope as the representative of Christ?

# **Testimonies from the Holy Scripture:**

Jesus really is the Son of God. If we believe in Him, we need not be afraid, indeed we can quech all the flaming darts of hell with it and experience miracles.

# Faith Protects from Evil

Above all taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one (Eph 6:16)

"But, since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation." (1 Thess 5:8)

"Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith..."(1 Pt 5:8-9)

#### Power of faith = Faith in Jesus' power

" ...and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came forth from him and healed them all.." (Lk 6:18-19)

"And he did not do many mighty works there, because of their unbelief." (Mt 13:58) ."..sin, because they do not believe in me." (Jn 16:9)

"The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" (Lk 17:5)

"And the Lord said to Moses, "How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, in spite of all the signs which I have wrought among them?" (Num 14:11)

."..but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name." (Jn 20:31)

"And Jesus answered them, "Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and never doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' it will be done." (Mt 21:21)

"He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" (Mk 4:40) "Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mk 9:24) "And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." (Mark 16:17-18)

"But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind."(Jam 1:6)

# **Deepening Faith through Spiritual Reading**

"...and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." (2 Tim 3:15) "Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.!" (1 Cor 16:13)

#### **Dangers to Faith**

"Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by giving heed to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons." (1 Tim 4:1)

"For the love of money is the root of all evils; it is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced their hearts with many pangs". (1 Tim 6:10) "...but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.. (Heb 10:38)

#### **CREDERE IN DEUM**

CCC 161 "Believing in Jesus Christ ... is necessary for obtaining that salvation. ...Nor will anyone obtain eternal life "But he who edures to the end."

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