

children of God's creation, over the ages, who have refused to take advantage of the REDEEMING GIFT OF CHRIST'S PASSION AND DEATH?

The questions concerning the quality of the staging of the movie, the quality of the rendition of the events of the Passion by the various actors, the "violence" and "bloodiness" shown, etc., etc., etc., are all of no consequence. The important question above all to be asked (and answered) is this: "WHAT, EXACTLY, IS THIS MOVIE TELLING ME, AND WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ABOUT ITS MESSAGE?"

Therefore our most serious introspective concern must ever be this:

**"WHAT HAVE I GIVEN TO MY LORD,
FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN TO ME?"**

If we come away from this movie with any thought OTHER than the answer to this one question, we will have missed the value – COMPLETELY – of it all!

Christ the King Abbey highly recommends this movie (*The Passion of the Christ*) for purposes of meditation and prayer. □



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Self-will is an exclusive will, which pushes others out of our life that we may enjoy the values that are too small to be shared with more than a few, or even with anyone at all. Self-will is inseparable from fear, anxiety, and spiritual slavery. Self-will narrows us down and encloses us within a privacy that is too small to permit any real growth of interior freedom.