

## LIVING IN CHRIST

*The man who lives in Christ sanctifies everything he touches or does. Whether writing a letter, washing dishes, driving a car, building a house, scrubbing floors, playing a game, milking a cow, feeding the birds, riding a horse, brushing his teeth, sleeping, running, eating, walking, or working a miracle – that man has his will formed according to the **principle inside himself**, which is Christ; that woman has her will formed according to the **principle inside herself**, which is Christ. Since his will is rooted and founded in Christ, his whole being is Christ-like and all his acts are informed by Christ. This does not mean, however, that his exterior demeanor causes him to stand out in any way in the eyes of his beholders. It is deep within the private sanctuary of his heart that a man really lives the life that counts before God – whether good or bad, whether there be love or hate, whether there be pride or humility, whether there be anger or meekness. Therefore, whatever exists in the heart of a man determines whether Jesus and Mary will or will not dwell therein. Every other act of man dwarfs into total insignificance when this one thought comes under consideration. The discipline of the human will is designed so as to expand and extend the Christ-life in such a way and to such a degree that **SELF** is completely ousted and everything is seen in terms of the Will of God – whether playing games, scrubbing floors, sleeping, milking cows, praying the Rosary, or attending Holy Mass.*

*If a man's will is right, he is right everywhere and with everyone, in everything he says or does. If a man's will is wrong, he is wrong everywhere and with everyone, in everything he says or does. Nothing can alter the direction of the man who has God and God alone as his love and desire. In the same way, nothing outside of himself can alter the direction of the man who does not have God and God alone as his love and desire. Even though the man who does not have God as his love and desire may be visited with all the success and power and wealth of the world, and even though such a man may be greeted with the smiling faces of all the people of the world, nothing changes the fact that God is not his love and desire, and because of that one fact – **ALONE** – nothing he says or does will earn him eternal reward. A man whose will has as its object only the will of God may do other things besides explicitly willing what God wills. He may think of other things besides uniting his will with God's will, but **ALL THE TIME** his intention is never for an instant to turn away from the Will of God in order to follow his own. Whatever such a man says, does, thinks, suffers, or enjoys is assumed to be in virtue of the Divine Will. To the Divine Will, therefore, the will of this man, purified now of all selfishness, is united in perfect love and trust. □*