

# J E S U S C H R I S T I S K I N G ! ! !

Jesus Christ is King over every individual. As God, He made us. As Priest He redeemed us. As King He governs us. "If you love me, keep my Commandments." At this point in time He has made His will and commands clear to all men whose will is good - through the true and never changing teaching of the Apostolic Church. In our personal lives He does not compel us to obey Him but asks us to do so through love; if we want peace in our hearts and in our lives we must seek it from the King of Peace.

The supreme dignity of man is his redemption and incorporation into the very life of God by grace. Man receives this through Baptism and membership in the Catholic Church, the Mystical Body of Christ. This life of Grace is meant to be lived at all times and in all places. It is not a garment to be put on and taken off to suit the occasion. This life is to be developed by doing the Will of God, keeping His commandments, and faithfully fulfilling the duties of our State of Life. If we are to do all of this, Christ simply has to reign in our hearts. We are - PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY - His subjects.

Saint Augustine, through experience, found that without God, man is lost even in this life. "Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our hearts will not rest till they rest in Thee." This is the way God made us. There is order in everything He created. It remains for man to voluntarily submit himself to that order for his salvation and even for the development of his personality.

The culminating expression of man's acceptance of order is his participation in the HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS because it is the renewal of the ONE SUPREMELY ACCEPTABLE ACT of submission of Christ. In this sacrifice we, as members of Christ in His Mystical Body, are part of this act of submission. He is the head of the members. We thus voluntarily surrender ourselves to God's Will and take our place in the ordered plan of Divine Providence.

The Saints centered their lives on God in union with Christ - by Faith in Charity. This Charity animated all their dealings with other members of the Mystical Body as well as with potential members. They strove to die to self in order that Christ might reign in them and that they might cry out with Saint Paul: "And I live, now not I, but Christ liveth in me."

The Saints grasped that self-centeredness and the doing of one's own will is the GREAT OBSTACLE to the development of the life of the Head in us. Self-centeredness blinds us to the interests of the rest of the BODY OF CHRIST.