

Jesus Christ – God's Covenant with all Mankind. The Love Commandment.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3,16)

Through Moses, God has made a covenant with the Jewish people, teaching them the Law, that is, righteousness and truth according to His holy will, to prepare them to receive the everlasting salvation that will come through the Messiah, the Savior.

Through the coming into the world of the Son of God, Who became man in the person of Jesus Christ, God has made an everlasting covenant of love with all mankind: He will sanctify all who believe in Him and follow His teachings, and thus united with Him, they will have eternal life.

God loves us so much that He sent His only begotten Son (Jesus Christ) into the world to become a man like us, yet without sin.

Jesus Christ has shown us how much God loves us, He has taught us how to live fulfilling the Father's will, He brought back to us the Divine Grace and His power through which we can guard ourselves against the wickedness of the evil one, so we can once again become sons of God.

Also Jesus Christ brought Himself as a redeeming sacrifice to God for our sins through death on the Cross. He gave His own life, accepting to die innocent, so that we may be forgiven by God. He received death without deserving it, to overcome it for us. For on the third day He resurrected, through His power of God, and since then He gives eternal life to all who fulfill the will of the Father, being united with Him (with Jesus Christ) through the Holy Mysteries (Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, and the rest).

If through the first man (Adam) all men became mortal, through Jesus Christ ("the second Adam") **all those who unite with Him through Divine Grace, faith, and good deeds become immortal beings, and they become like Him:** are freed from sins and passions (sinful habits) and resemble Him doing good deeds and acquiring virtues (holy habits), and they come to know God and to unite with Him so much that they live His life, being resurrected by Him.

Jesus showed us that He and God the Father love us as true sons and friends.

He also teaches us to love Him with all our heart, as He himself loved God by fulfilling His will in everything. We should love Him by loving all men as we love Him; and we should love God the Father as Jesus loved and obeyed Him in everything.

Jesus promises (pledges) to those who fulfill His will (to love God and men) that the Holy Trinity will come and dwell in their hearts and they will live an eternal happy and divine life.