

Easter Octave – Wednesday: “Everything is already there, in Christ”

You live in the midst of the world and you are just another citizen living in contact with men who say they are good or bad. You must always want to give other people the happiness you enjoy as a Christian.
(Furrow, 321)

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If we take a look at the course of human history, we will see progress and advances. Science has made man more aware of his power.

Technology today controls the world much more than in the past, helping men to reach their dream of a greater level of culture, unity and material well-being.

Some people are perhaps inclined to tone down this optimism, reminding us that men still suffer from injustice and wars, at times worse than those of the past. They may well be right. But, above and beyond these considerations, I prefer to remember that in the religious sphere man is still man and God is still God. In this sphere the peak of progress has already been reached. And that peak is Christ, alpha and omega, the beginning of all things and their end.

In the spiritual life, there is no new era to come. Everything is already

there, in Christ who died and rose again, who lives and stays with us always. But we have to join him through faith, letting his life show forth in ours to such an extent that each Christian is not simply *alter Christus*: another Christ, but *ipse Christus*: Christ himself! (Christ is passing by, 104)

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