

The Cry of a Christian

Through the waters of Baptism a mark is placed upon our souls. Placed there by the grace of God, it cannot be removed or undone. No sin or work of evil can erase or diminish its existence. By this mark we are God's and have become a part of something greater than ourselves.

“In all the baptized, from first to last, the sanctifying power of the Spirit is at work, impelling us to evangelization.” Pope Francis *Evangelii Gaudium* 119

The call of a Christian begins in water, poured forth from above, blessed by God to proclaim His glory, here on earth to all far and near. The grace of God, sent from on high, renews and restores all that was lost. The grace received at Baptism is not confined to that one moment in time. It is lasting and ever present, creating hope amidst despair, illuminating the darkest corner of our lives. Grace is a characteristic essence of God's eternal love. And as His love is eternal so are the graces we receive from Him. God qualifies the unqualified, so it's not a matter of “I'm not capable”, or “I'm not good enough”, or “That's not my thing”. God has made you overqualified by His grace to share in the mission of the Church. The only remaining question is: Are you willing to trust in God's grace?

“Our baptism has changed us, given us a new and glorious hope, and empowered us to bring God's redeeming love to all, particularly the poor, in whom we see the face of Christ. Our baptism has also given us a share in the Church's mission of evangelization; as disciples, we are also missionaries.” Pope Francis

The cry of a Christian is like the raging waterfall, roaring into existence by the way we live our lives. Untamed is our mercy, our peace is ever flowing. Our love is God's love. It's boundless in time, and greater than depth of space or thought. Love is not blind to the world, but rather the world is blind to love. The cry of a Christian can be heard in action, word and thought. Christians cry for those without tears and for those who suffer most. A Christian is wise in humility and bold in love, knowing no limits to adventurous peace. Louder than war and deeper than hate, a roar of love is heard. Soft and fierce our roar is spreading God's love to all and everyone, both far and near. Peace is waiting to be set free, in the joy born from the love of God's roar.

“And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.” 1 John 5: 5

May our love be greater than our sins, stronger than our weakness and wiser than our egos. May we live as Christians echoing the life of Christ, without reserve and without hesitation. With each moment let us say:

“Take heed world and hear us roar”!