

from fallen Adam down to the last that will be born of woman. It ascended in its redeeming effects up through the centuries to the beginning of time, and will descend in a tide of mercies to the consummation of the world. The victim, it is true, was offered only on Calvary, but the blood of that victim bathed the world in its saving tide, and washed the shores of all the ages. It gave infinite honor and glory to God, made full atonement to the Divine justice, lifted up a fallen world and placed it once more on the plane of its immortal destinies; it redeemed mankind from the curse of the fall, liberated them from the bondage of Satan and restored them to the glorious freedom of the sons of God and to the heirship of the kingdom of Heaven. We may, therefore, truly and in deepest gratitude say with the Church: "*O certe necessarium adæ peccatum quod Christi morte deletum est.*" "*O felix culpa quæ talem et tantum meruit habere Redemptorem.*" "*O truly necessary sin of Adam which the*