

Adam in this world—is annulled, or is a hindrance ; it has no connection with God : a man in it cannot please God. “I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.”

(To be continued, D.V.)

CHRISTIAN LIFE: AND JESUS THE PATTERN OF IT.

CHRISTIAN life, is a common life of service in contact with human passions, faults, weaknesses,—in a word, in contact with flesh, but in order to act in the midst of it, to INTRODUCE GOD there.

And this is what Christ was. We must be really in communion with Him, by partaking thus of that nature which nothing can injure, and which shines with its own perfection in the midst of all, above everything we meet with.

Jesus was the most isolated of men, and at the same time the most accessible. The most isolated, because He was living in absolute communion with His Father, and there was neither echo nor sympathy with the perfect love which was found there ; the most accessible, because He was that love for others. And in speaking of that ineffable work which opened a way to that love, through all men's sin, He says, “I have a baptism to be baptized with ; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished !” That baptism of bitterness and