

many thousands of angels, and to the Church of the first-born, who are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the just made perfect, and to Jesus the Mediator of the New Testament, and to the sprinkling of blood which speaketh better than that of Abel." (Heb. xii. 22, 23, 24.) You have "washed your robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." (Apoc. vii. 14.)

But that is not all, my dear children.

Our divine Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who was pleased, in His mercy, to call you into His "admirable light," who has sanctified you, and made you temples of the Holy Ghost, where He might delight to dwell,—our Lord Jesus Christ will now come Himself to visit your souls, and enrich them with the fullness of His gifts,—nay, He will give Himself to you, with all the treasures of His divine and human nature. By giving you what He has assumed of our own,—I mean his precious body and blood,—together with His soul, He will also impart to you, what He has of His own; I mean His divinity; that thus, according to the sublime expression of St. Peter, you "may be made partakers of the divine nature." (2 Pet. i. 4.)

But, oh! my dearly beloved children, who could describe the dignity of a soul raised so high by the merciful love of God? He vouchsafed to die for sinners to reconcile them with His Father, whom they had so grievously offended; and He feeds with His own flesh those whom He has redeemed, to enable them to be faithful to Him unto the

end, and to lead them to sit with Him on His throne in heaven!

Oh! these are wonders! These are miracles! These are mysteries of divine love which it would never have entered into the heart of man to think of, had they not been revealed by Him who had wrought them! Judge, then, of your happiness, my dear children, for whom these gifts have been prepared, and apply to enter into the disposition which they do require, that we may reap the benefits of them. St. Paul has described them in these words:—"a pure heart, and a good conscience, and an unfeigned faith." (1 Tim. i. 5.)

Now these you have received from the bounty of God this day in your baptism; and you are ready to receive the Divine Spouse of your souls, who will come in a few moments to seal the covenant into which you have entered with Him, in face of both heaven and earth. Do you then, also, on your part, set your seal to the glorious deed, by which you have consecrated yourselves this day, to our bountiful and ever blessed Redeemer.

Listen to Him, my dear children, and He will teach you Himself how to seal that precious deed, whose fruits will endure to all eternity, if you remain faithful unto the end. Listen to Him, and He will repeat to each one of you what He says to the spouse in the Canticle of Canticles, "put me as a seal upon thy heart, and as a seal upon thy arm." (Cant. viii. 6.)

Put Him as a seal upon your hearts, that nothing may ever enter into those hearts of yours, but according to His divine will and good pleasure; put him as a seal upon your arms, that all your actions may ever be done and directed to His greater honor and glory.