

of all good, is admirably safeguarded, and the lesions this extrinsic glory of God suffers from the sins of men are abundantly compensated for.

Through the Sacred Humanity of our Lord our nature has been exalted and, as it were, *deified*. In this are to participate those at least of the children of men who will not stubbornly have repelled until the end the happiness of becoming in Jesus Christ and through Jesus Christ the children of God, heirs of His Kingdom and co-partners of His eternal glory.

In this consist the great and *glad tidings*, the *Gospel*, excellent beyond all other gospels, which from the night the Angels announced it to the shepherds on the hillside at Bethlehem, the Church on earth, in unison with the Church in Heaven, has never ceased to proclaim to mankind. Thenceforth, to know Jesus Christ has become the science of sciences: knowledge the most sublime and the most accessible of all knowledge: the only knowledge, in all truth, which is necessary and indispensable for rational man. And, on the other hand, the love of Jesus Christ is the fulfilment of all the moral law and the perfection of all virtues, be they human or divine, for in Him and through Him alone may we ever hope to love God perfectly and our neighbor as ourselves.

And yet, O unfathomable depth of the waywardness and folly of the children of Adam! how few, from Christ's first advent down to the day in which we live, though all are invited by Divine Mercy to share in this sublime glory and in this superabundance of joys everlasting, have wished to understand or have really understood this blessing! How numerous, on the contrary, are they not who to-day, after nineteen centuries, through their own fault, do not know and are consequently unable to love Jesus Christ really and truly!

Wherefore the all-merciful Redeemer, bent as it were