

THE THIRD FLOWER: HEALING

Receiving your promise brought me to another level of responsibility and ministry. My apostleship became an opportunity to use the power from on high for the Glory of the One who has bestowed it on me. This power is a blessing in order to bless. It is a grace in order to give grace. It is a gift in order to reflect God's work and mission. My apostleship could be a thunderous action and could move mountains if it is performed in the name of Jesus Christ. My apostleship is an identity that should reflect the Gift from above. Let it shine, illumining the receivers. It is a loving mission in which I proclaim the Good News that Christ has risen.

The second flower, the tongue of fire,¹ geared me into action. It motivated me and began to burn me. This fire cannot be extinguished and it could burn me if I do not use it to ignite and motivate others. It directed me, first of all, towards the temple to pray and stay in contact with the Risen and Ascended Lord.² There I began using the gifts of the power that is dwelling in me: preaching, showing and explaining to those who are around me the real message of salvation and who the true Messiah is. This first activity allowed me to stay alert and stay focused on my mission of apostleship, of love.

In fact, the first two flowers were to raise me from my spiritual death and to prepare me for my mission of love. This mission has to affectionate the others and it should reflect the blessings of the Triune God's power. Only then, I recognized that I received the third flower, the flower of healing.

This third flower is a witness to the work of the Holy Spirit. It is to transmit God's love to His people, to His creation. For this reason, Jesus Christ emptied Himself and sought me. He veiled Himself with the flesh in order to heal me both physically and spiritually. He rose me up from the sickness of my body and the sickness of my soul. He lifted me up to Him. Thereafter, He called me and taught me with words and His way of life. He asked me to do the same, imitating Him by reaching out to others showing God's love, mercy and compassion. He healed me in order to heal the others; He commanded me to do so.³

¹ See previous chapter

² Acts 3:1.

³ Matthew 10:1, Mark3: 14, 15.

The healing gift is performed to praise God. The healed person will become a witness to this action. The healing is not the result of my efforts. I am not but the actor who, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I physically perform the action but it was God who mystically realizes it for His glory.

The witness of the healed person gave me the opportunity to proclaim the Good News of the Resurrection. Every one around was marveled. Their souls were attentive and ready to be healed. This miracle allowed them to listen and the process of their spiritual healing began. But first, they had to repent, to cleanse and purify their souls for the Holy Spirit to dwell in them and do His mysterious work.

The third flower added a physical touch to my ministry. It made me realize how many marvelous things are happening around me that I take for granted without noticing God's revelations. And only through the Holy Spirit I became aware of their existence as gifts from God, the Creator. After all, I realized too that my ministry had to be transcended to a level beyond my capacity seeking the likeness of God with my fellow man.

Repentance, constant examination and ultimately, purification are the keys for this progressive process. Purification keeps the Holy Spirit in action internally and externally, like the two dimensions of the Cross, vertically (between me and God) and horizontally (between me and others). The outward healing begins internally, inside me, and thereafter moves to reflect on others.

¹ Matthew 10:1, Mark3: 14, 15.

