

**ESCHATOLOGY: PART OF THEOLOGY CONCERNED WITH DEATH, JUDGEMENT AND FINAL DESTINY OF THE SOUL; DOCTRINE OF LAST THINGS**

- *“The Church to which we are called in Christ Jesus, and in which we acquire sanctity through the grace of God, will attain its full perfection only in the glory of heaven when there will come time of the restoration of all things. At that time the human race as well as the entire world, which is intimately related to man and attains to its end through him, will be perfectly reestablished in Christ (LG 48)*
- **Christ, having been lifted up from the earth has drawn all to Himself. Rising from the dead He sent His Life-giving Spirit upon His disciples and through Him has established His Body which is the Church as the universal sacrament of salvation (LF 48).**



## COMMUNION OF SAINTS

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**Communion of Saints: communion among the holy persons of the church (the saints which includes us all) and the communion in the holy things, especially the eucharist.**

**Who makes up the Communion of Saints?**

**The Pilgrim Church who are now living on earth**

**The Church Suffering who are being purified in purgatory**

**The Church in Glory who are blessed in heaven**

***“Therefore, the union of the wayfarers (Pilgrim Church) with the brethren who have gone to sleep in the peace of Christ (Church in Glory) is not the least weakened or interrupted, but on the contrary, according to the perpetual faith of the Church is strengthened by communication of spiritual goods (LG 49).***

***“No devotion to the saints is more acceptable and proper than if you strive to express their virtue” St. Augustine***

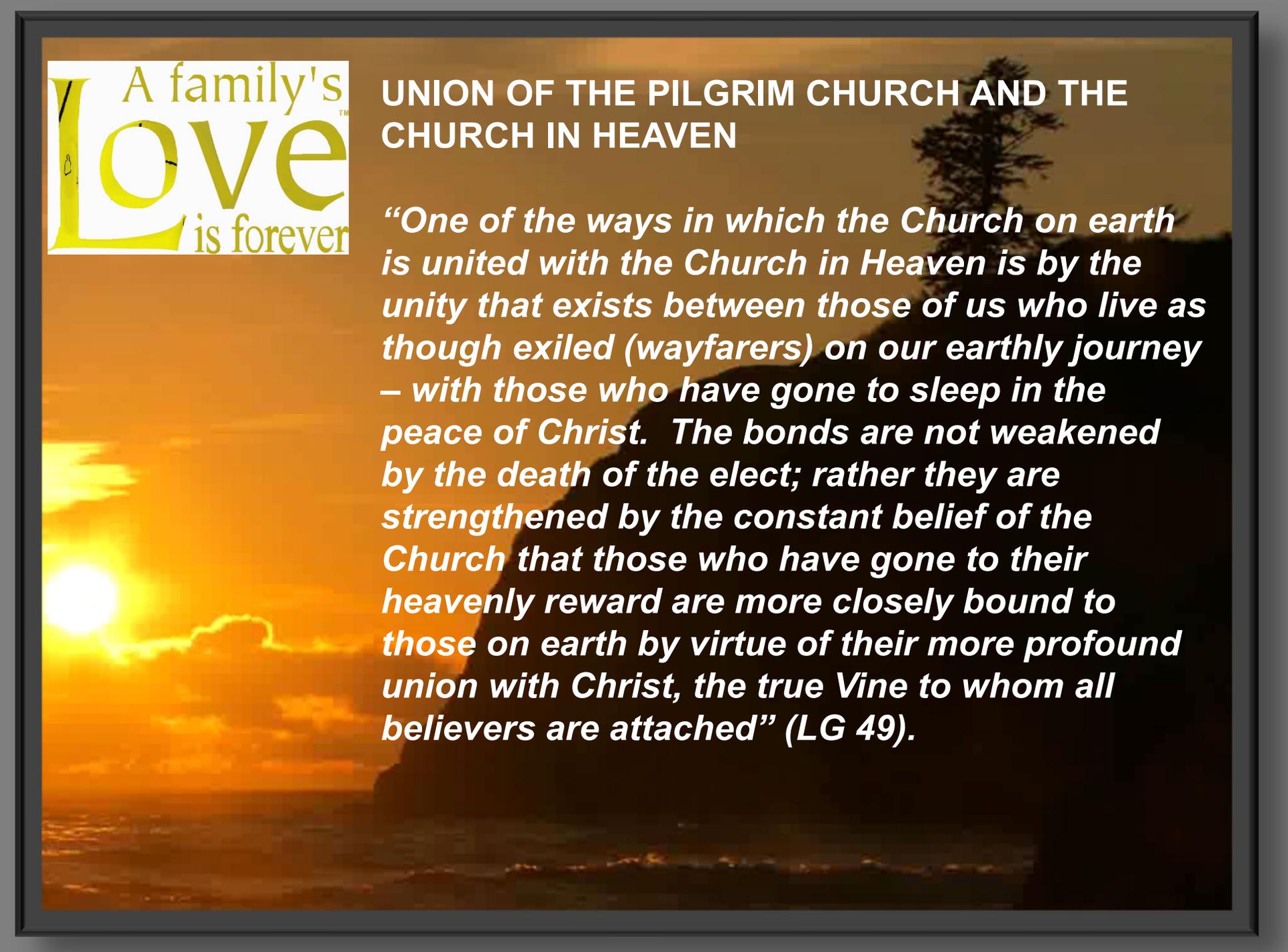




## UNITY OF THE PILGRIM CHURCH WITH THE CHURCH IN GLORY

*“For all of us, who are the sons of God, and constitute one family in Christ as long as we remain in communion with one another in mutual charity and with one praise of the most holy Trinity are corresponding with the intimate vocation of the Church and partaking in the foretaste the liturgy of the consummate glory. For when Christ shall appear and the glorious resurrection of the dead shall take place, the glory of God will light up the heavenly City and the Lamb will be the lamp thereafter (LG 51).”*

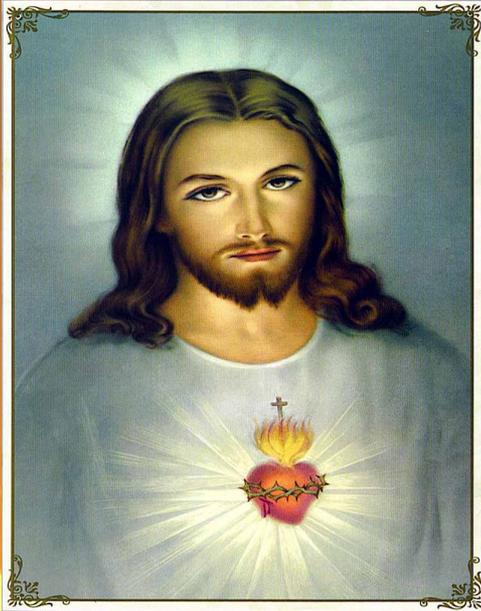




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## UNION OF THE PILGRIM CHURCH AND THE CHURCH IN HEAVEN

*“One of the ways in which the Church on earth is united with the Church in Heaven is by the unity that exists between those of us who live as though exiled (wayfarers) on our earthly journey – with those who have gone to sleep in the peace of Christ. The bonds are not weakened by the death of the elect; rather they are strengthened by the constant belief of the Church that those who have gone to their heavenly reward are more closely bound to those on earth by virtue of their more profound union with Christ, the true Vine to whom all believers are attached” (LG 49).*



***“You have made us for  
Yourself, O Lord, and our  
heart is restless until it rests  
in You!”***

**St. Augustine**



## **MARY, MOTHER OF GOD IN THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH**

***The Virgin Mary, who at the message of an angel received the Word of God in her heart and in her body and gave Life to the world, is acknowledged and honored as being truly the Mother of God and Mother of the Redeemer.”***

***She is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God because she belongs to the offspring of Adam. She is one with all those who are to be saved. She is the mother of the members of Christ. She is hailed as pre-eminent and singular member of the Church.***

***The Catholic Church, taught by the Holy Spirit, honors her with filial affection and piety as a most beloved mother (LG 53).***

***“There is but one Mediator as we know from the words of the apostle, “for there is one God and one Mediator of God and men, the man Jesus Christ, who gave Himself as ransom for all” (LG 60).***



## **SIMILARITIES BETWEEN MARY AND EVE**

***Both Mary and Eve fashioned in a special way by God. Eve from Adam's rib, Mary as the Immaculate Conception***

***Both are called "woman". Eve in Gen 2, Mary as prophesied in Gen 3:15 and by Jesus in John 19:26***

***Both are virgins who were willed by God to actively assist man. Eve to be Adam's helper (Gen 2:8) while Mary was willed by God to be used not merely in a passive way, but freely cooperating (with Jesus) in the work of human salvation (LG 56).***



## **CONTRASTING PARALLELS BETWEEN MARY AND EVE**

***Eve was addressed by a fallen angel, the serpent;  
Mary by the Archangel Gabriel***

***Eve freely chose to act in disobedience, thereby  
bringing death to herself and all of humankind  
Mary freely chose to act in obedience, thereby  
bringing Life to herself and to all of humankind***

***Death was delivered by Eve in the forbidden fruit.  
Life was delivered by Mary in the fruit of her  
Womb***

***“Eve by her disobedience, tied the knot of disgrace  
for the human race; whereas Mary by her obedience  
undid it.”***

***St Irenaeus***