

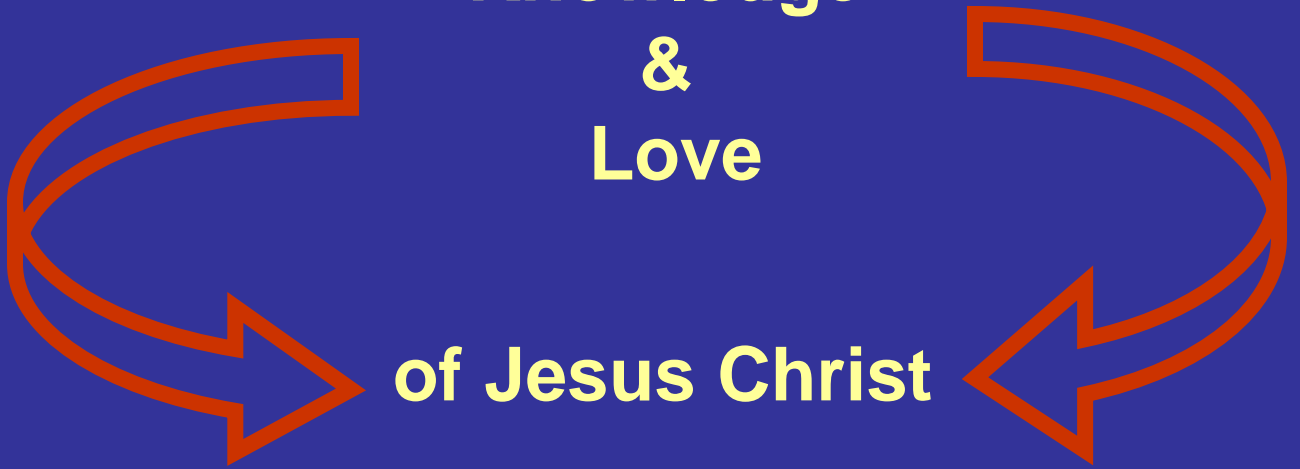
Knowledge and Love
of Jesus Christ



March 10, 1878

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... silence,
... l'effacer d'être au tout
... de J. C. et ne
... pour lui, avec la
... Marie Eugénie Dejeu

**Knowledge
&
Love**



of Jesus Christ

(March 10, 1878)

Perfect Love of JC: Humility

**Perfect Love of JC: Conformity to
the Will of God**

**Perfect Love of JC: Charity & Spirit
of Sacrifice**

(April 7 – 21, 1878)



**We are not only created to know,
love and serve God in this world**

We are here

**to know, love and
serve Jesus Christ**

and to

**make him known,
loved and served**

**(Half of these Chapters are about this perfect
knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.)**

**Knowing and loving are
intimately united.**

**the more we know, the
more we want to love**

**the more we love,
the more we want to know**

How can we know Jesus intimately?



There are 2 ways:

—————> doctrine

—————> attention

“We must penetrate ourselves with these thoughts, because the more we understand Jesus as God, the more conscious we are of what he is as man; the more his birth, childhood, hidden life, teachings and suffering will touch us deeply.” mme

Then she gives 3 stages of knowledge through attention:

————→ **attentiveness**

————→ **recollection**

————→ **union**

“After studying all about Jesus Christ, be attentive to him...

We cannot know JC if we simply have intellectual knowledge or theological concepts, without loving attention to the person we love.”

“After knowing... empty yourselves of all that is not in conformity with him.”

Hand in hand with attentiveness & recollection, there is the work of emptying ourselves.

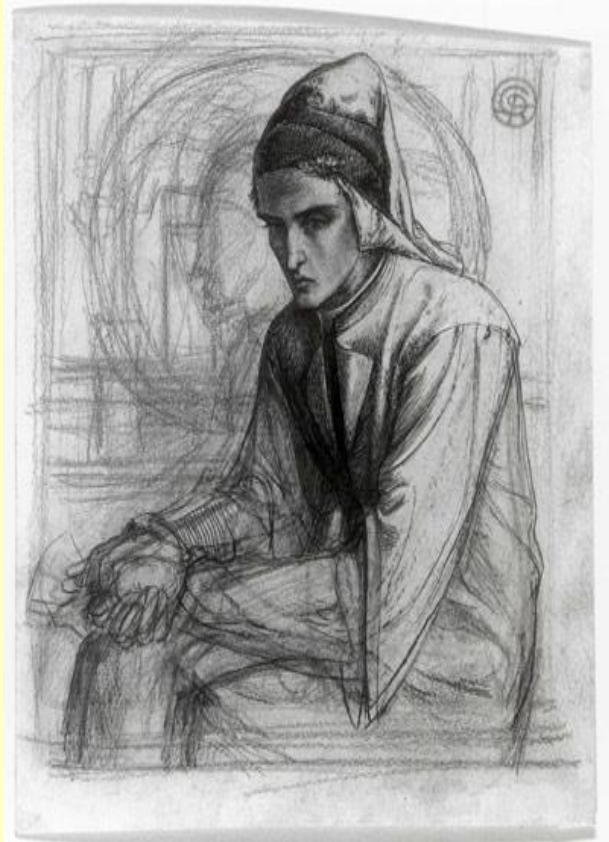
We arrive at a certain emptiness or an **interior silence by calming ourselves – like letting dust and dirt in the water settle down.**

“No interior life is possible if we do not begin by loving attention to Jesus Christ.”

An example of being attentive ...

***“In the end,
I knew him
by heart.”***

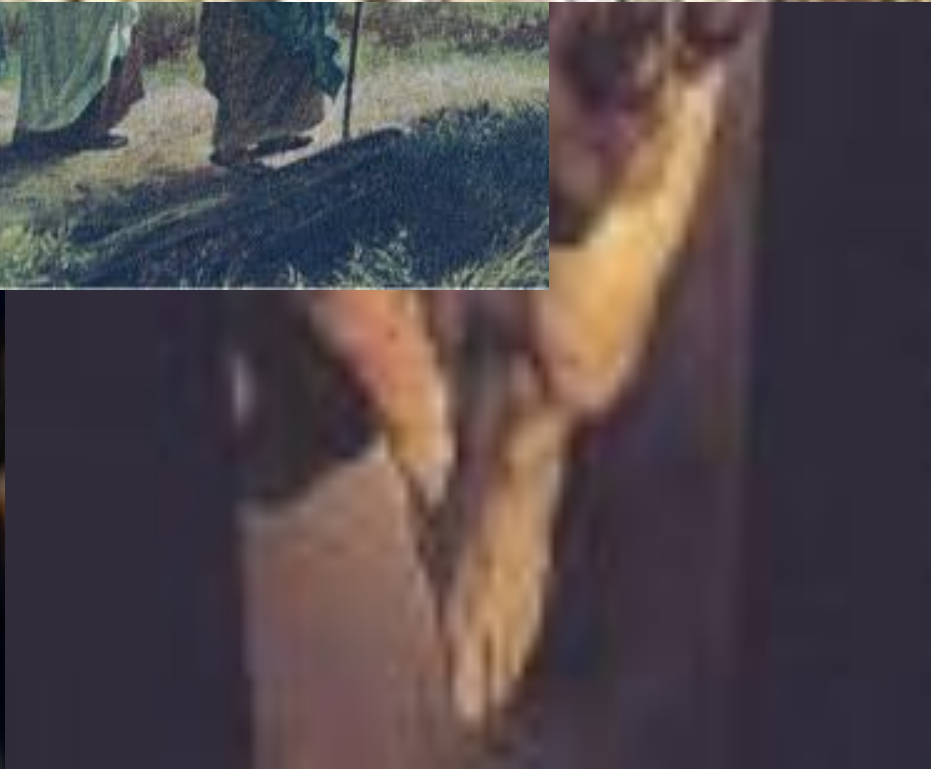
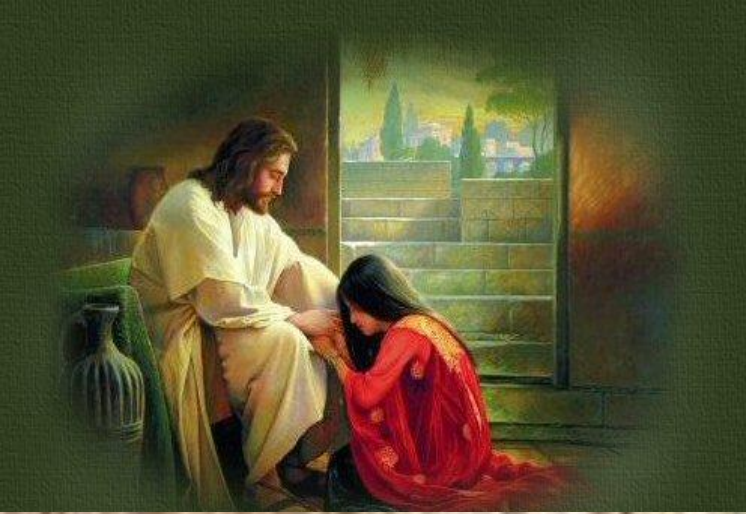
“If you were to paint a portrait and looked into the air instead of your model, or stand so far away that your vision is vague, your painting will bear no resemblance of your model.”



So it is with the knowledge of Jesus and his resemblance in us.

We must draw near and study him...

Then we come to know him and identify ourselves with him.





**From attention,
we move to interior
recollection ...**

***“Jesus draws us through grace...
If we are recollected...we will obtain a
still deeper knowledge of O.L. Jesus
Christ.***

***There is in the depths of the recollected
person, a knowledge that nothing else
can give...that rapidly goes far beyond
anything you have ever learned.”***

Lastly: union with Jesus Christ

→ **the final goal of
attention and recollection**



***“This is the fruit of long & persevering effort.
No one easily arrives at this union.”***

The very last paragraph –

***“It is a great joy after working so hard,
to be established in this state...***



***where Jesus is the
Master, when all
that he asks is
done...***


***One readily
blossoms in the
hands of God, and
with burning love,
rests at his feet in
that interior
sanctuary where
God dwells.”***

**These attitudes really refer to PRAYER...
they also refer to LIFE:
being attentive to reality,
attentive to Jesus in daily life.**

**The same for recollection – that
kind of calm & interiority as we
go from one activity to another,
doing what we are doing...**

**It is there
that we will find
Jesus.**



A sunset over the ocean with rays of light breaking through the clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, and its light creates a shimmering path on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, golden light, and the clouds are illuminated from below, creating a dramatic and serene scene.

**This is our contemplative life,
our loving search for JC.**

**We look for him
in everything**

**We find him
in everything.**



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