

## *Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday – Justified in JESUS CHRIST*

### **Justification in The Lord – by Saint John of Avila**<sup>1</sup>

“Justification is nothing but the resurrection of a soul which was dead in sin, and henceforth exists by the life which GOD The Father infuses into it by The HOLY SPIRIT through The Death of His Blessed Son, JESUS CHRIST.”

### **The Cross, Death and Resurrection of JESUS CHRIST**

On Ash Wednesday we “Repent and believe in The Gospel!” Through Lent we journey with The Savior through the deserts of our sins, finding GOD brings us victoriously to The Empty Tomb of our Resurrected Lord on Easter Sunday. And we are reminded that our salvation depends on our repentance and cooperation with GOD’s Amazing Grace.

### **A Hymn – “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”**<sup>2</sup>

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days  
For us didst fast and pray,  
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins  
And close by Thee to stay!  
As Thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,  
So teach us, gracious Lord,  
To die to self, and chiefly live  
By Thy most Holy Word!  
And through These Days of Penitence,  
And through Thy Passiontide,  
Yea, evermore in life and death,  
JESUS, with us abide!

### **PSALM 71:1-3 – The Lord is our Rock and Fortress!**<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In Thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion.

<sup>2</sup> Deliver me in Thy righteousness, and cause me to escape...

<sup>3</sup> Be Thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: Thou hast given commandment to save me; for Thou art my rock and my fortress.

### **HEBREWS 13:20-21 – The Lord is our Peace!**<sup>4</sup>

<sup>20</sup> Now The GOD of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord JESUS, That Great Shepherd of the sheep, through The Blood of The Everlasting Covenant,

<sup>21</sup> Make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in His sight, through JESUS CHRIST; to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from “Peter.” Saint John of Avila. The Magnificat, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014, p 65-66. St. John of Avila (died 1569) was a Spanish Priest, mystic, preacher, scholar and a Doctor of The Church.

<sup>2</sup> Hymn, “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days.” Words by Claudia F. Hernaman, Child’s Book of Praise - A Manual of Devotion in Simple Verse, 1873. Music by St. Flavian, Day’s Psalter, 1563. <http://cyberhymnal.org/htm/l/w/lwtt40da.htm>

<sup>3</sup> King James Version Bible, PSALM 71:1-3.

<sup>4</sup> King James Version Bible, HEBREWS 13:20-21.