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SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES

- (A) Original sin is nothing. What we need is something – grace. (S. Hahn, Israel’s Calf-Hearted Response, Tape 1)

Scripture portrays the tragic consequences of this first disobedience. Adam and Eve immediately lose the grace of original holiness (CCC399)...The harmony in which they had found themselves, thanks to original justice, is now destroyed: the control of the soul’s spiritual faculties over the body is shattered; the union of man and woman becomes subject to tensions, their relations henceforth marked by lust and domination...(CCC400)

- (B) By Baptism all sins are forgiven, original sin and all personal sins, as well as all punishment for sin. In those who have been reborn nothing remains that would impede their entry into the Kingdom of God...Yet certain temporal consequences of sin remain in the baptized, such as suffering, illness, death, and such frailties inherent in life as weaknesses of character, and so on, as well as an inclination to sin that Tradition calls concupiscence... (CCC 1263-1264)

- (C) Eschatological man will be free from that opposition. In the resurrection the body will return to perfect unity and harmony with the spirit...that divinization is to be understood not only as an interior state of man capable of seeing God face to face, but also as a new formation of the whole personal subjectivity of man in accordance with union with God in his Trinitarian mystery and of intimacy with him in the perfect communion of persons. (JP2, Theology of the Body, p.242)

- (D) Born with a fallen human nature and tainted by original sin, children also have need of the new birth in Baptism to be freed from the power of darkness and brought into the realm of the freedom of the children of God, to which all men are called...The Church and the parents would deny a child the priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer Baptism shortly after birth. (CCC 1250) Christian parents will recognize that this practice also accords with their role as nurturers of the life that God has entrusted to them. (CCC1251) For all the baptized, children or adults, faith must grow *after* Baptism. (CCC1254)

- (E) Attached.

- (F) “He pursued the woman” but had no hold on her: the new Eve, “full of grace” of the Holy Spirit, is preserved from sin and the corruption of death (the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption of the Most Holy Mother of God, Mary, ever virgin). (CCC 2853)

Mary is the woman who from the book of Genesis until the book of Revelation accompanies the revelation of God’s salvific plan for humanity, taking part in that “monumental struggle against the powers of darkness” (JP2, The Mother of the Redeemer, 47).