

## BSP#8 OVERHEAD

(A) “This is the single church of Christ...which our Savior, after his resurrection, entrusted to Peter’s pastoral care (cf. Jn. 21:17), commissioning him and the other apostles to extend and rule her (cf. Mt. 28:18ff), erected for all ages as ‘the pillar and foundation of truth’ (1Tm. 3:15). This church, constituted and organized as a society in the present world, subsists in the Catholic Church, governed by the successor of Peter and by the bishops in communion with him.” (LG 8)

“outside her structure, many elements can be found of sanctification and truth” (LG8), but “they derive their efficacy from the very fullness of grace and truth entrusted to the Catholic Church.” (UR 3)

(B) “The redemption accomplished by the Son in his departure through cross and resurrection, is transmitted to the Holy Spirit, the one who ‘will take what is mine’ (Jn 16:14). It is the beginning of the new salvific self-giving of God in the Holy Spirit. It is a new beginning in relation to the original beginning of God’s self-giving in creation, when ‘the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters’ (Gn 1:1f)” (JPII, Lord and Giver of Life, 11-12)

## BSP#8 GROUP TIME SHARING QUESTIONS

(1) Who is the “ruler of this world” in John 16:11? What does it mean that he (the ruler) is judged?

(2) Read John 17:11-19. What four things did Jesus ask the Father to give His Apostles?

(3) Throughout its 2,000 year history, the Church has endured many tribulations and scandals. We know, however, that Jesus said that the Church would never be destroyed (Matt. 16:18). Does this fact, as well as the fact that the Holy Spirit continues to lead the Church into all truth, give you peace in your heart? Do you rely on these promises of Christ when you face trials? If so do you offer up your suffering and exhibit peace and joy which are fruits of the Spirit abiding in believers?

## BSP#8 ANSWERS FOR GROUP TIME QUESTIONS

- (1) In the Gospel of John “world” is regularly used to mean the secular world that rejects the truth (for example, see John 8:23, 14:15-17, 18-19). “Ruler of this world” therefore refers to Satan; it also implies the world leaders collectively who, under the influence of Satan, judged unjustly. They are judged because of their unjust judgments, particularly their judgment against Jesus.
  
- (2)
  - a. Protect them with your holy name, i.e. make them part of your Family
  - b. That they may be one, even as we are one
  - c. Do not take them out of the world, but guard them from the evil one.
  - d. That they may be consecrated in truth