

By Virtue of Our Baptism

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We are...

- ...**joined to Jesus** crucified and risen. (Col 3:1-3)
- ...**members of His body**, the Church. (Eph 2, 19-22)
- ...**sharers in Jesus' new, everlasting Covenant** that restores humanity's original relationship with the Father (Lk 22:20; Mt 26:28; Mk 14:24)
- ...**participants in Christ's divine life**, life of Trinity (2Pet 1:4; DV 2)
- ...**a new creation** (2Cor 5:17) in Jesus, the New Adam. (See 1 Cor 15:45-49; Rom 5:15,18)
- ...**co-heirs** with Christ, to the Kingdom (Rom 8:17)
- ...**justified** before God through our faith relationship with Jesus (Rom 3:21-26, 5:1)

Empowered...

- ...**by the New Law of the Gospel** – the gift of the Spirit – poured into our hearts (Jer 31:33; Rom 5:5)
- ...**to live by love**, which summarizes the New Law (See Jn 13:35,15:12; CCC 1965-1974)
- ...**to live without fear** (Rom 8:15; 1Jn 4:18)

* *The Sacraments are Christ's gift, where He nurtures, strengthens, forgives, heals us to live as a new creation in Him.*

Jesus in my Boat (Mark 4: 35-41)

On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples:

"Let us cross to the other side."

Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was.

And other boats were with him.

A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up.

Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion.

They woke him and said to him,

"Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

He woke up,

rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"

The wind ceased and there was great calm.

Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified?"

Do you not yet have faith?"

They were filled with great awe and said to one another,

"Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"

Jesus in my Boat

What are the waves in my life?

What is my boat?

Where is my boat going?

What is my role in the boat?

What are the winds in my life?

Who else is with me in my boat?

When did I last sense Jesus in my boat?

Who are in the other boats around me?

When are the waters around my boat still?

What does, "Peace, be still!" look like in my life?

What would I like to say to Jesus, resting in my boat?