

Structure and Dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises: Assignment 5

George A. Aschenbrenner, *Stretched for Greater Glory*: 126-147

1. Aschenbrenner observes that the Paschal Mystery (Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection) is a unity (p. 118). The great Christological hymn (Philippians 2:5-11) seems to capture the sense of this unity. In that hymn, Paul the Apostle exhorted the Christian community to "have the same attitude as Christ Jesus" (v. 5). What specific "attitude" in Jesus is Paul referring to? According to Paul, how should a Christian live his or her life?
2. Aschenbrenner observed that Jesus' resurrection did not correct the "mistake" of his passion (p. 126). How, then, does the author understand Jesus' passion?
3. In her contemplations on Jesus' risen life, what grace is the retreatant to ask of God? What is this grace meant to accomplish in the retreatant?
4. A retreatant, who has experienced great affection for Jesus during the Second and Third Weeks, may struggle to connect with the risen Jesus during the Fourth Week. Why might she experience this? What guidance might you offer?
5. What does it mean to "attain" divine love? How does the Contemplation to Attain Divine Love seek to achieve this?
6. Ignatius' mysticism was expressed as a "mysticism of service." What exactly does this mean?