

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020

“The peace the world gives isolates us from others. It lulls us to sleep, and is temporary and sterile. The peace the Lord gives is lasting, fruitful, contagious. It makes us go out to create community. It is filled with hope because it looks toward Heaven.”

Pope Francis

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020

“What is there behind Jesus? There is a history, a history of grace, a history of election, a history of promise. The Lord chose Abraham and went with His people... There is a history of God with His people. And because of this, when Paul was asked to explain the reason for faith in Jesus Christ, he doesn't begin from Jesus Christ; he begins from the history. Christianity is a doctrine, yes, but not only. It's not just the things that we believe: it is a history that brings this doctrine, which is God's promise, God's Covenant, to be chosen by God. Christianity isn't just ethics. Yes, truly, it has moral principles, but one is not Christian with just a vision of ethics. It is more. Christianity is not “an elite” of people chosen for truth. This elitist sense that then goes on in the Church, no? For instance, I am of that institution, I belong to this movement, which is better than yours . . . than this, than that. It's an elitist sense. No, Christianity isn't this: Christianity is belonging to a people, to a people chosen freely by God. If we don't have this awareness of belonging to a people we are “ideological Christians,” with a little doctrine of affirmation of truth, with ethics, with a morality — that's fine — or with an elite. We Christian feel part of a group; the others will go to hell or, if they are saved, it's by God's mercy, but they are the rejected . . . And so on. If we don't have an awareness of belonging to a people, we're not true Christians.”

Pope Francis