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Be sensible of what is in you and in Christ. The whole tree feels an injury of the root, but the root of the tree of the Church is Christ. From which proceed the leaves of words, the flowers of affection, and the fruit of works of this root, Christ, namely, we who are the branches should be sensible of an injury by compassion, because just as with a hurt at the root, the branches begin to die off. So, we at the passion of Christ should put away lascivious matters and mortify the flesh. In the example of Paul, Philip. 3[:10, 15] “Being made conformable to his death.”

¶ And it follows, “Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, be thus minded.” Therefore, according to the Apostle, Rom. 12[:2]: “Be reformed in the newness of your mind.” We see that new things please more to every sense, such as a new picture to the sight, a new song to the ear, new flowers to the smell, new things to your taste, new clothes to the touch, so should it be in the newness of the spiritual sense, as if truth in a mirror, obedience in hearing, redolent fame in the smelling, holy action in touch, a great devotion in taste, and then we sense that in Christ Jesus. If therefore inanimate objects sensed the passion of Christ, as [Matt. 27:51-52] that the sun was obscured, the earth shook, tombs opened, rocks split, etc. Much more the spiritual creatures ought to feel this who were created to his image by blood, Rom. 8[:5]: “They that are according to the flesh, mind the things that are of the flesh; but they that are according to the spirit, mind the things that are of the spirit.”