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Last week we spoke about the separation of the physical man into 3 divisions: the stomach, chest, & head. These divisions represent the 3 parts of Man: the stomach represents Man's physical passions & needs, the chest is the seat of Man's psyche where his emotions & soul rests, & as we determined last week, the head represents the Spirit of Man, the Spirit of God which has been bequeathed to Man. When this Spirit has been awakened, as it was in John the Baptist, the gift of Wisdom is received & the one who has been awakened attains Knowledge with true understanding & is sought out for his wisdom. Again we reference John the Baptist. John was an enlightened soul, Herod was not, yet John's wisdom was so clearly evident that Herod sought it.

In our first reading we read that Truth is the Father's mouth, and his tongue is the Holy Spirit. From His tongue one will receive the Holy Spirit. In scripture we will often see the title of the Holy Spirit replaced with the word "Wisdom," just as we will often see Christ called the "Truth." Thus the first reading is saying that Christ is the Father's mouth, and His tongue is the Holy Spirit. From His tongue one will receive Wisdom.

Again, let us take note that the mouth & tongue are located in the head. When we aspire to be like Christ we are said to seek "Christ-consciousness." We are supposed to think and act like Christ. The Holy Spirit, also known as Wisdom, sits in place of the tongue, and it is with this Spirit that we speak the Wisdom which Christ imparted to us.

Our first reading is from the Gospel of Truth, an extra-canonical work, yet how reminiscent it is to the time of Pentecost mentioned in Acts, chapter 2. In Acts we read that at the time of Pentecost the Holy Spirit descended as "tongues of fire," and filled all who were present, who began to speak of the power of God. They spoke with such wisdom & power that all who heard them understood them, no matter their nationality, language, or religion.

As Christians we aspire to be Christ-like. This means we seek to speak the wisdom imparted to us from God. This wisdom we speak and spread is the Holy Spirit. It is the duty of the Christian, just as it was the duty of Christ, to perform this task for the glory of God. When you walk this world, when you open your mouth, let the Holy Spirit pour from your tongue. Like Christ, you too can impart knowledge and wisdom to the world, bringing your brothers & sisters into the loving embrace of the Father.