

Confessions - Book Xiii - Chapter Xii

by St. Augustine

Transcript

13. Go forward in your confession, O my faith; say to the Lord your God, \"Holy, holy, holy, O Lord my God, in thy name we have been baptized, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.\" In thy name we baptize, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. For among us also God in his Christ made \"heaven and earth,\" namely, the spiritual and carnal members of his Church. And true it is that before it received \"the form of doctrine,\" our \"earth\"[531] was \"invisible and unformed,\" and we were covered with the darkness of our ignorance; for thou dost correct man for his iniquity,[532] and \"thy judgments are a great abyss.\"[533] But because thy Spirit was moving over these waters, thy mercy did not forsake our wretchedness, and thou saidst, \"Let there be light; repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.\"[534] Repent, and let there be light. Because our soul was troubled within us, we remembered thee, O Lord, from the land of Jordan, and from the mountain[535]--and as we became displeased with our darkness we turned to thee, \"and there was light.\" And behold, we were heretofore in darkness, but now we are light in the Lord.[536]

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