IMMACULATE CONCEPTION II

EARLY CHURCH: IMPLICIT FAITH
PATRISTIC AGE: DEVELOPMENT OF DOCTRINE
SCHOLASTIC PERIOD: CONTROVERSY
MODERN TIMES: UNIVERSAL CATHOLIC ACCEPTANCE

SOLAR DEFINITION: Pius IX, Dec. 8, 1854.

TEXT: "The Holy Virgin Mary was, in the first moment of her conception, by a unique gift of grace and privilege of Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of mankind, preserved free from all stain of original sin.

1. Conception, a moment of time in which Mary's soul was created by God and infused into the bodily matter prepared by Joseph and Anne.
2. Essence of original sin consists in the lack of sanctifying grace. Mary was preserved from this defect. Therefore, she came into the world -
   - with sanctifying grace -
   - with the infallible blessing of faith, hope, and charity -
   - with the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.
3. The Immaculate Conception is an absolutely unique gift, never before or after.
5. Because Mary had no stain of original sin, she -
   - was made without sin -
   - was not subjected to death -
   - would not have had to suffer.

IMPLICATIONS
1. Mary was impeccable. She was preserved from all actual sin through life.
2. Mary was exempt from corporal suffering and spiritual passions.
3. Mary was not judged because she was subject to the debt of sin, original, concupiscible in mortality and sinfulness. She maintained pure in conformity with her own