Pauline Christology III
Christ Our Strength

Teaching of St. Paul
(Romans 7:14-17)

- I am unsanitary
- I fail to carry out the things I want to do
- I act against my own will
- Sin living in me
- My body battles against the law
- A prisoner of that law of sin
- What a wretched man I am
- Who will rescue me?

Mastery of Our Passions through Christ

Analysis

The Universal Fact
- Desires and actions
- Urges and reason within people
- Conflict between people
- World literature

The Explanation
- Unlike rest of creation
- Original sin
- Concupiscence
- Justification restores divine friendship
- Conflict remains, aggravated by
  - Personal sins
  - Habits of sin
  - Bad example
- Evil spirit

Self-mastery impossible by the natural self

Questions
1. Gradual deliverance from passion?
2. Passions of flesh only?
3. How does Christ enable us to master our passions?