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MRT2660 SPIRITUAL LIFE

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10.30 am – 11.30 pm

Answer THREE questions:

1. "In the Spirit" is one of the main elements of the spiritual life of the Christian. Explain with reference to the teaching of St Paul.
2. "What distinguishes the human condition is growth beyond self, self-transcendence". Elaborate on this with reference to Edward Kinerk's position.
3. St Paul says that the baptised person becomes "a new creation" (2 Cor 5,17). How does this understanding of "who we are" influence our spirituality? Elaborate on this from the point of view of the scriptural view of the self.
4. Karl Rahner speaks of a dialectical spirituality. What would, according to him, be the ideal characteristics of such a spirituality?
5. Grace is the starting point of our spiritual life and produces in us the theological virtues, an interior dynamism within us. Explain.
6. The great commentators of the Christian life looked instinctively to the Scriptures for guidelines how to understand the Christian way. Present the main focal points of one of the three "maps" which tradition has derived from Sacred Scripture.