

The Essence of the Virtues in the Process of Human Deification by Grace in the Thought of Saint Maximus the Confessor

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Abstract

According to Saint Maximus the Confessor, the human deification by grace is the will of God before the creation of the world. In the same time, the human being was created with free will and the possibility to choose good or evil. Our article explains the theological vision of Saint Maximus about a new way of God for the deification of the human being after the fallen. After the incarnation of the Son of God, the human being has the opportunity to work for its salvation by grace and by virtues. We have to understand that virtue is a connecting ring between us and God, in the mystical body of Christ, which is the Church.