



Love – Main Commandment

(Part One)

On Boxing Day it would be customary to talk about Bethlehem again – what happened 2006 years ago. The fact that CHRIST was born does not mean that we just watch the event and say: „How nice!“ He did come, after all, in order to redeem us. – But that does not simply happen without our involvement.

My heart is burning to say that bishops, priests, as well as the faithful, are quite zealous to pay more attention to the other person, whether he is behaving devoutly, living piously. Everybody thinks that the other person ought to think as oneself; that would be the right thing. Everybody is supposed to have the piety which one thinks right oneself. This kind of piety is rather self-centred while disregarding GOD, the LORD. Every human being is a different flower to GOD. And every flower is meant to bloom in a different manner. The ox-eye daisy not like the rose, the lily not like the aster. Each flower has a way of its own in appearance and in fragrance. Therefore, take heed and do not think: „Pious is the way I see it!“ GOD wants a wide variety. He does not want all harps. There are yet so many different instruments in his orchestra. A good priest should be able to recognize in each person what kind of musical instrument he or she is for GOD – and give direction accordingly. Who is equal to that? Be careful, do not judge! A sure way is recorded for us by the Apostle Paul.

Paul's Song of Songs

He writes: „If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not charity, I am a sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and give my

body to be burned, and have not charity, it profits me nothing. Charity is patient, is kind; charity envies not; charity boasts not; she is not puffed up, she does not behave herself unseemly; seeks not her own; is not easily provoked; thinks no evil; she rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; she bears all things; believes all things; hopes all things; endures all things. Charity never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will vanish away. The greatest is charity.“ (1 Cor 13,1-8,13) Faith and hope shall vanish, but charity remains for ever.

GOD does give presents into the mind; after all, the HOLY SPIRIT is the Adviser and Helper of the human mind. Let each give thanks to the LORD for this or that gift, bearing in mind that they will pass away. Love, however, will remain in existence, also in Heaven, all the more there. If you bear true love in your heart, then you will always in everything and with everything have peace in your heart, even if you encounter much hardship, pain and misery. The discontent in the world will not be able to disturb the peace. Somewhere there is a little corner in your heart where you will always have your peace. You will not, as it were, stumble, nor fall. Love of GOD enables you to love your neighbour. That is true love, that is the Main Commandment! Be, therefore, meek, patient, longsuffering etc. Only then will you be the beloved children of GOD.

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**Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,
the + FATHER and the + SON
and the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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