

You can pass on GOD's love only in the HOLY SPIRIT. It goes without saying that this love is very kind, comforting, helping, healing, but it can also be painful. Let us again take the example of Peter as the SAVIOUR said: „Get behind me, Satan!“ This was perfect love because Peter's human nature was permeated by the poisonous breath of the evil one, and with the sharp cut of a surgeon the SAVIOUR freed Peter from it. Or do you really mean to say that it is heartless if the surgeon puts the knife to the boil? Rather, he saves your life. And sometimes it has to be done very quickly, perhaps even without anaesthetic. But afterwards the wound will be treated with ointments and tinctures. The priest is doctor and surgeon, doctor of the soul. He comforts, gives strength – this is what one would really like to do –, but if there is a focus of a disease in the soul, if poison has seeped in, against which medicine and ointments are of no use any more, then only one thing will help: an immediate cut to let the poison out. – Therefore, learn from this, that it is real love if some day I have to hurt you by the word. If someone is simply just nice all the time, just stands there and watches you lapsing into sin, is sweet-talking you, that, then, is not love. And so, the more the HOLY SPIRIT will find room in you, the more capable you will be of passing on GOD's love in all its fullness. Amen!

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

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## **The HOLY SPIRIT is Working on Earth Measure of the Christian**

My beloved! In the Person of the FATHER, GOD reveals Himself as the will of GOD, as the Creator GOD. Whatever He wants will happen and will be. In the SON, GOD reveals Himself as the Redeemer Who has mercy upon man and wants to save him. However, the fact that GOD is still working on earth, after the SON ascended into Heaven, shows that GOD reveals Himself in the Person of the HOLY SPIRIT.

But how often does man resist this working of the HOLY SPIRIT! Man quite often sees himself and his knowledge as the ultimate. This usually happens unconsciously. Indeed, we are in urgent need of conversion and supplication for the HOLY SPIRIT. Yet how hard is it for man to surrender himself to GOD's working? If GOD has special plans with someone, He radically pulls down in him all that is human. That is what makes so many people shrink back. However, when you have learned not to count on yourself but only just on GOD, He builds up again. Then He builds up with you a personality that will one day go down in history.

### **Are You a Normal Christian?**

Many may go to Church every Sunday, perhaps on top of it they go on weekdays as well, and regularly receive the sacraments. For this reason they think that they are good Christians. That may be so, but: You cannot go to prayer, receive the sacraments and be disobedient to GOD at the same time by living at your own convenience without asking: „How can I organize my life in keeping with the love and commandments of GOD?“ Question: Are you a normal Christian? Or are you just a churchgoer? What is your measure? What does GOD want from you? Do you say: „Measured by the worldlings I am quite pious. I attend Mass every Sunday, say my daily prayers, at noon I do not pray any more lately, nevertheless I still have a few thoughts of GOD in the morning and in the evening.“ If your life is like this, then you are a not normal, an idle, a lukewarm

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Christian! Do you really dare to stand before GOD like this? Your measure must be Holy Scripture, the New Testament. Therefore, the normal Christian will be anxious to read it and obey what the SAVIOUR teaches in it. He will allow his heart, his mind, his life to be moulded by the HOLY SPIRIT in obedience to the word, which is also taught by the Church. This would be the normal Christian. Everything else is not normal.

### **Will You Be Corrected?**

When JESUS chose the twelve apostles, he did not appoint professionals. He called men of the people with all their roughness and awkward character traits. But they were willing to be told. How would you react, if I were to say to you: „Get behind me, Satan!“, if there were a good reason for it? Could you swallow such a rebuke? Would you be willing to listen to the HOLY SPIRIT? Or would you go away from us offended? The SAVIOUR had spoken to Peter in this way. Peter accepted it and was willing to be told. One example: „Did you obey when I suggested to go and see the film “The Passion”? Most of you have obeyed with pleasure and this is praiseworthy. But some did not. Why not? For love of you the SAVIOUR died on the Cross, and you are not even willing to spiritually stay with Him in order to be able to catch a glimpse of the depths of your sins, at least in order to recognize what the SAVIOUR has suffered for you.

### **Practising Christian Virtue**

How much cowardice there is among Christians today! How much fear of man! In Holy Scripture it says literally: „Therefore, everyone who acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men I in turn will disown him before my Father in heaven.“ Matt 10,32f Look, the early Christians have turned the world upside down, zealous as they were in their courage to stand up for their faith. What do you achieve in your neighbourhood, in your family, at work, in your leisure time? Are you, father/mother, concerned to give your children a Christian upbringing? Praying just for oneself, only looking after one’s own well-being but not being interested in GOD’s teachings and wishes – what kind of Christianity is that? Under these circumstances the HOLY SPIRIT will not be active! Absolutely not! Then I too am not allowed to help, no matter how many times you come to me. Since we are temples of the HOLY SPIRIT, we should attract attention out there in the world. However, I would like to emphasize that by zeal for GOD I do not mean that you start talking about GOD out there in a loud voice while sawing the air with your hands. No! That is what fanatics usually do. What I mean is: You should practise Christian virtues on yourself,

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you should keep your soul pure and holy. You should do and think what is right before GOD and not knuckle down to the world like a coward when, for instance, you hear a dirty joke.

### **Your Faith Works Miracles**

Once there was a Hungarian girl from a communist environment, who did not know much about faith and was not baptized either. When she came to the West, she gained confidence in a girl who had been baptized as a Catholic. Then one day she said to her: „You are a Christian, are you not? Please, do lay your hands on me that I may be healed. For once I read that Christians can do these things.“ The Catholic girl was startled because she was more or less a nominal Christian. As she hesitated, the Hungarian girl went on asking: „Do it just the same, GOD did give His promise!“ Hesitatingly laying her hand on the sick spot and murmuring an “Our Father”, which was all she remembered, the pagan girl suddenly said: „Look, it worked! I am healed!“ The Catholic girl was all shaken up. However, instead of admiring the Hungarian girl’s faith – for it was her belief that had worked the miracle –, all pressed round the girl that had laid on her hands, and they wanted to see her healing hand and touch it. – That’s what has become of the Christians! They no longer know what they would be capable of, if they opened themselves to the HOLY SPIRIT by saying: „Burn everything that is not good in me. Work in me. Make a Christian out of me. Come, HOLY GHOST, fill and govern me, that I may do in the Spirit of JESUS CHRIST what is pleasing to my Heavenly FATHER!“

### **Love Can Come Only from GOD**

The early Christians stood out by their love of neighbour. They could only do this because they loved GOD above all else. Verily, I tell you, you cannot give pure love coming from GOD, if you do not give your own self over to purification. First you must give your life back to GOD – you can do this in whatever station in life you are –, only then will you be able to pass on your life to your neighbour. This alone is love. All other things are merely wanting to do good because it pleases you, because it is your hobby, because it boosts your ego and the like.

After the SAVIOUR ascended into Heaven, it would have no longer been possible to pass on the love coming from GOD. Yet He has asked for the HOLY SPIRIT, that He may come on the earth, so that you may be temple of the HOLY SPIRIT. GOD can dwell in you: „Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?“ 1 Cor 3,16 Now you will understand that first your own self must be purified!

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