

The SPIRIT of GOD

In the Most Blessed TRINITY, GOD the HOLY SPIRIT is still the great unknown GOD for the greater part of the people. To think He is so grand in His entirely independent own divine Person! Already in the second sentence of the Bible, the HOLY SPIRIT is mentioned: „...and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.“ (Gen 1,2) The HOLY SPIRIT is the Author! He accomplishes what the FATHER wills. Only in the HOLY SPIRIT can we vaguely understand GOD and Christian faith.

I have tried in this sermon to speak about the TRINITY, like a child putting up a building with building bricks – not that you understand Him now. Never will we be able to understand GOD! GOD TRINITY is the greatest existing mystery. Amen!

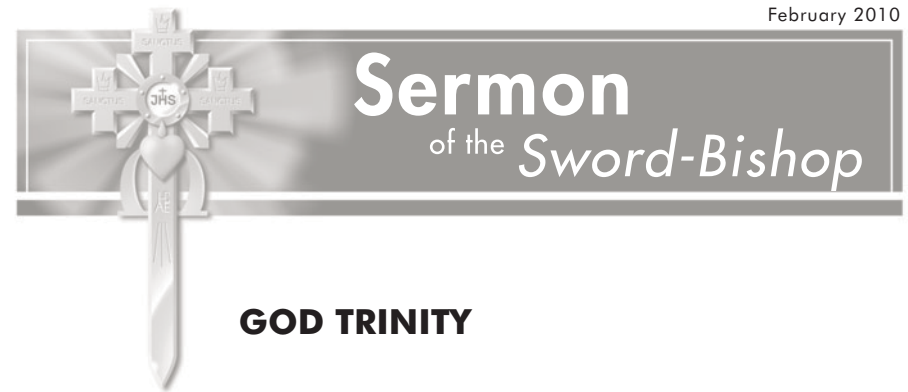
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**Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,
the + FATHER and the + SON
and the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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GOD TRINITY

TRINITY – three Persons, one GOD! How can this be understood? One should not want to fathom out everything because GOD does not love curiosity at all. On the feast of the Most Blessed TRINITY I would like to demonstrate a plain symbol to explain this tremendous mystery. Look, here I have got three burning candles. Each candle is a candle apart. Each one has its own flame. Each candle symbolizes a divine Person: the FATHER, the SON, the HOLY SPIRIT. Now I hold these three flames together to become one single flame. What do you see now? Three candles, but only one flame! Three Persons – one GOD! A simple but profound explanation.

Images of the TRINITY

Everywhere in creation we find images of the Most Blessed TRINITY: e.g. body, mind and soul form a human being. Or with a tree: do you call the roots of the tree a tree? No, they are the roots. Do you call the trunk of the tree a tree? No, that is the trunk. Do you call the branches of the tree a tree? No, that is not the tree, those are the branches. The tree, that is all three of them! – Three Persons, one GOD!

You Will Never Understand GOD

If we could understand and grasp GOD, GOD would not be GOD any more. Then man would be GOD's equal. Then I could tell Him: „What You can do, I can do, too.“ That would really be absurd! – It is because I cannot understand GOD that I love Him! And the less I can understand Him, the more powerful He appears to me, the more I love Him.

All three divine Persons are equal to one another. In the FATHER they go in and out. Once you are in Heaven, you will see how it is. It is so enormous that eternity will not suffice to admire the TRINITY and take delight in Him!

GOD Speaks into the Heart

Open your heart like a child! Marvel at GOD and He will drench you in divine wisdom, in divine knowledge! Not in the science of reason as is familiar to the world. GOD does not speak into the mind, neither does the HOLY SPIRIT. GOD speaks into the heart and guides the mind which is a gift of the HOLY SPIRIT. I experienced it again and again when I was observing e.g. a little beetle or something else while searching and questioning but also admiring GOD: „Dear GOD, what were you thinking in the process of creating it ...?“ Man could experience so many things and use them for his well-being if only he walked the earth with a childlike heart admiring the Creator. But man, because he has his free will, misuses so many things to his disadvantage.

The SON in the FATHER

„GOD cannot be explained. GOD IS!“ says st Augustine. In the FATHER was everything! Out of Him all things were made! From everlasting has in the FATHER been the SON, from everlasting has in the FATHER been the HOLY SPIRIT! GOD’s ways are so grand by His very nature that in GOD are three independent Persons. In the SON, the fatherly Love has become a divine Person. The will of GOD “Let there be!” has been personified in GOD the HOLY SPIRIT. The Most Blessed TRINITY is in Himself one to such an extent that we could say that the FATHER became man in the SON and in the SON died on the cross for us. As it is written: „Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me?“ (John 14,10)

Begotten, Not Made

„I believe in GOD, ... in one LORD JESUS CHRIST, the only-begotten SON of GOD, ... begotten, not made, of one Being with the FATHER, ...“ we pray in the Nicene Creed. But how is the procreation of the SON to be understood? Well, it was no procreation in the human sense. It was a springing forth, an emerging of a being of the FATHER in one divine act of will out of the FATHER.

The SON is known to be born out of the FATHER. But what about the HOLY SPIRIT? A child asked me: „Where does the HOLY SPIRIT come from?“ I explained to this child: „Look, first there was GOD. There were neither stars nor Angels, nor the earth, nor human beings. Only GOD was there. However, in GOD were the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY SPIRIT. And the FATHER in GOD said a Word. This Word, coming out of the mouth of the FATHER, became the SON. FATHER and SON looked at each other and loved one another. [„In the beginning was the Logos (the Word), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.“ (John 1,1)] But now there was a problem: the SPIRIT of GOD would constantly have to move to and fro from the FATHER to the SON and from the SON to the FATHER. This would have caused such confusion, though. Therefore, the SPIRIT, the will of the FATHER, the ‘Let there be!’ emerged from the FATHER and remained working and blowing above both Persons. Now there is one GOD in three Persons.“

So, this is a childlike explanation for children and for those who in their hearts have remained children. As JESUS said: „I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children!“ (Matth 11,25)

Paid by the SON

If you ask GOD for anything, the FATHER will listen to you. Everything He would like to give you, has been paid by the SON through His bitter Passion and death. We would never be able to live up to these high gifts of grace. Therefore, it is GOD the HOLY SPIRIT who allows you to share in this grace. „I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.“ (John 16,23)

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass it is similar. By the offerings of bread and wine, the priest offers up the Holy Sacrifice to GOD the FATHER at the Altar. Since we human beings, however, are so poor that our offering could never reach Heaven, the SAVIOUR comes down from Heaven through the word of the priest: bread and wine become Body and Blood of JESUS CHRIST. „I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.“ (John 6,51) Only through the intercession of the SON can our prayers, therefore, be granted by the FATHER through the working of the HOLY SPIRIT. – Considering this grand act of love of CHRIST, should we priests not be thoroughly holy?!
