

May 24th Ascension

“If You Love Me, Keep My Word...”

Do you know the love that surpasses all, a love that is stronger than death, itself (Song of Songs 8:6) ???


In Jesus' last supper discourse // He speaks of the love that He has for His disciples and that of His Father's love. Jesus prepares His disciples for His imminent departure to return to His Father // by exhorting them to prove their love for Him by their loyalty and obedience to His word. Jesus promises them the abiding instruction and consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Saint Augustine says that “the Lord loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love. . .” God's love for each of us is as real and tangible // as the love of a mother for her child // and the love of a lover who gives all for his beloved. God made us in love for love – to know Him personally and to grow in the knowledge of His great love for us and to love Him in return. In Saint Paul's letter to the Romans // he says that “God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.”

The Holy Spirit helps us to grow in the knowledge of God and His great love for us. Therefore, the Holy Spirit enables us to experience the love of God and to be assured of the Lord's abiding presence with us. Furthermore, the Holy Spirit opens our ears to hear and to understand the word of God. As Saint Augustine says so simply about God in one of his sermons: “God is not too grand to come, He is not too fussy or shy, He is not too proud – on the contrary // God is pleased to come if you do not displease Him for Jesus says in John's Gospel: “The Father and I will come to Him and make our abode with Him.”

“Lord Jesus, in love you created us and drew us to yourself. May we never lose sight of you nor forget your steadfast love and fidelity; may we daily dwell upon your word and give you mighty praise in the sanctuary of our hearts for you are our all.” Amen!
Alleluia !!!

Paz en Cristo,



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