

How Much We Love God

The journey of faith begun at baptism can be thought of as a journey in love. Most of us have a long way to go when we think in these terms. Many may not seem to have made any progress at all in faith, if progress is measured by how much more we love God now than when we were baptized.

How can we measure progress in love for God? It can be measured by what we give priority to, or by what we prefer. What we love most at any given moment, or who we love most, is shown by what we move toward, or who we move for most quickly, at any given moment. If a person goes fishing, hunting, or golfing instead of going to Mass on Sunday, that person, by his actions, shows that he doesn't yet believe that much about the goodness of the Catholic Church or the goodness of God. We always prefer being with those we love, and showing our love to those who are special to us, over any other activity. Nothing created is as good as the Creator.

As adults, we certainly should have progressed in faith to the point where we know and believe in the goodness of God so much that we enjoy listening to His word, and worshiping Him on the day of the week He made special for us by gaining the victory for us over sin, and all evil, including death. That day, of course, is Sunday. Every Sunday should help us to remember the Easter Sunday victory of life for us, won by Jesus Christ, overcoming every evil we can ever be subjected to during our earthly struggle to live in peace, security and happiness.

What we are supposed to be moving toward in our journey of faith is the time, when we will understand, and show by our actions, that God and the things of God are more desirable for us than any other thing or person. Then, and only then, will we have arrived at the proper understanding, and trust, in God's goodness, which could be called a mature faith. We do love most those persons, things, and activities which are best, in our evaluation, of all that we know.

To the person with faith, God's goodness surpasses all understanding, and the goodness of all that he ever created, which is everything and everyone. This good God has first place in the heart and mind always of those who know him. For anything or anyone to compete with his goodness for first place, or as being more necessary, or more desirable, is always ridiculous to the person who has progressed in the faith, in any appreciable amount.

God is so good, that by comparison, all else is nothing, and contemptible by comparison.