

Our Lord has promised a most magnificent reward in Heaven to those who love their neighbors; the reason of this is because He considers as done to Himself whatever we do to them.

St. Martin's Cloak

St. Martin was Bishop of Tours during the latter half of the fourth century. When he was a lad of fifteen, he was obliged to serve in the army. But although he had to live amongst those whose lives were spent in evil, young Martin was never seen to join them in any of their wicked deeds, but was always careful to shun their company as far as he was able.

He was not at that time baptized, but in his heart he believed in Jesus Christ, and tried in all his conduct to imitate His example, and to follow all the maxims of the Gospel so far as he knew them.

The virtue he loved best to practice was that of charity towards his neighbor. He loved the poor because he had learned that they were particularly beloved by Jesus Christ. Every day he distributed among them whatever he was able to save out of his pay; and that he might make his alms more abundant, he kept for himself only what was strictly necessary for his support.

One day, when he had nothing in his purse, he happened to meet a poor man at the gate of the city of Amiens. The man was almost naked, and was trembling with cold. As soon as Martin saw him, his heart was moved with compassion; but, having no money to give him, he stood for an instant thinking how he would be able to assist him.

Suddenly a thought came into his mind. He seized his sword, and taking the mantle with which he himself was covered, cut it in two, and gave one half of it to the poor man. With

the other half he covered his own shoulders, and proceeded to join the rest of the soldiers, heedless of what they might think of him, or of the jeers they might throw out against him.

On the following night, as he lay asleep, Jesus Christ appeared to him, accompanied by a multitude of His holy angels, and clad in the half of the mantle he had given to the poor man on the previous day. Looking on Martin with a look of gratitude, Jesus said to the angels: "It was Martin who gave Me this garment."

In return for this act of charity Martin received the gift of the faith, became a great and holy Bishop, and is now high among the Saints of God in Paradise. Life of St. Martin.

The Catechism in Example by Rev. D. Chisholm

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Communion Thanksgiving: Jesus sits in our soul as on a throne of grace. St. Alphonsus di Liguori

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... in His Presence

Goodness of God in the Work of the Redemption.

"And became incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made, man."

The Son of God is Sent To Restore Us

God created Adam, and enriched him with gifts; but man, ungrateful, offended Him by sinning, and thus both he and all we, his descendants, remained deprived of divine grace and paradise. Thus, then, all mankind was lost and without a remedy. Man had offended God, and therefore was incapable of giving Him an adequate satisfaction; it was necessary then that a divine person should satisfy for man.

What does the eternal Father to save lost man? He sent this same Son to become man, and clothe Himself with the same flesh as sinful men, in order that by His death He might pay their debts to divine justice, and thus obtain for them a restoration to divine grace.

Affections: O my God, if Thy infinite bounty had not discovered this remedy, who of us could ever have asked it, or even imagined it?

Please take and keep this letter and reflect on its contents during the month in your visits to the Blessed Sacrament and see that your heart and mind will open to His grace into knowledge and love of God, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Great Wonder to Angels

O God, what a subject of wonder must not this great love which God showed to rebellious man have been to the angels! What must they have said when they saw the eternal Word become man, and assume the same flesh as sinful man, insomuch that this Word incarnate appeared to the whole world in the form of a sinful man, as were all others.

Reflection: O my Jesus, how much do we not owe Thee, and how much more than others am I not indebted to Thee, who have offended Thee so much more than others! If Thou hadst not come to save me, what would have become of me for all eternity? Who could have saved me from the pains that I deserve?

Affections: Mayest Thou be ever blessed and praised for so great love!

Our Lord Comes to Raise Us to Life

Thus, then, the Son of God comes from heaven on earth, and becomes man; He comes to live a life of suffering; He comes to die upon the cross for the love of man; and shall men who believe all this, love any other object besides this Incarnate God?

Affections: O Jesus my Savior, I will love none other but Thee; Thou alone hast loved me, Thee alone will I love. I renounce all created goods; Thou alone art sufficient for me, O immense and infinite Good! If hitherto I have displeased Thee, I am now heartily sorry for it, and would wish that this sorrow might make me die, to compensate in some measure for the displeasure I have caused Thee. Oh, permit me not in the future to be ever again ungrateful for the love Thou hast borne me. No, my Jesus, make me love Thee, and then treat me as Thou pleasest. O infinite Bounty, O infinite Love, I will only live henceforth to love Thee!

Ejaculation: O Mary, Mother of mercy, this one favor I ask of thee, obtain for me the grace of always, always loving God.

From the Crib to the Cross

Love Exchange:

Oh, how I love Thee, Lord of Heaven above!
Too well hast Thou deserved to gain my love;
Sweet Jesus, I would die for love of Thee,
For Thou didst not disdain to die for me.

God Assumes Our Nature!

I leave Thee, faithless world, -- farewell! depart!
This lovely Babe has loved and won my heart.
I love Thee, loving God, who from above
Didst come on earth, a Babe, to gain my love.

Wonder of Love!

Thou tremblest, adorable Child, and yet I see
Thy heart is all on fire with love for me:
Love makes Thee thus a child, my Savior dear;
Love only brought Thee down to suffer here;

Life for Love!

Love conquered Thee, My God, love tied Thy hands,
A captive here for me, in swathing-bands;
And love, strong love, awaits Thy latest breath,
To make Thee die for me a cruel death.

Hymn to baby Jesus by St. Alphonsus de Liguori

Our Return: Loving Our Lord Through our Neighbor

Some torment themselves seeking ways of discovering the art of loving God. These poor souls do not know that there is no method or way of loving Him other than doing what is pleasing to Him.

St. Francis de Sales

St. Vincent de Paul excelled in this holy practice, doing God's will with great precision. He always kept a close watch on himself, checked his passions, reasoned rightly, spoke circumspectly, acted prudently, performed his practices of piety punctually, and was from all appearances so perfectly united to God that it was clear that the love of God animated his heart and ruled his every move and act. It may be said that his whole life was a continuous sacrifice to God, not only of the honors, comforts, pleasures and all the other goods of this world but still more of what he had received

from God, such as enlightenment, affections, and desires.

St. Augustine: The measure of one's charity is his lack of desires. As a soul's desires decrease, its charity increases. When it no longer feels any desires, it possesses perfect charity.

St. Francis de Sales used to say: I want few things and the things I want I have very little desire for. I have almost no desires, in fact, and if I were to be born again I would not want any."

St. Teresa of Avila was quite "persuaded of this truth. She would exclaim: "O Love, You love me more than I could love myself and more than I can understand! Why then, O Lord, should I desire more than what You want to give me?"

Spiritual Diary

The Precept Of Charity Commands us: To Love Our Neighbor

My child, Jesus Christ tells us that the first and greatest commandment of the Law is to love God above all things, and that the second one is like to it: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Beautiful Words of St. John

"Dearly beloved, let us love one another, for charity is of God. In this is charity: not as though we had loved God, but because He hath first loved us and sent His Son to be a propitiation for our sins. My dearest, if God hath so loved us, we ought also to love one another. If we love one another, God abideth in us.

"Let us therefore love God, because God first hath loved us. If any man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother, whom he seeth, how can he love God, whom he seeth not?"

Our Blessed Lord Himself had long before said the same thing: "By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if ye have love one for the other." From these words, my child, you see what a great virtue the love of our neighbor must be.