

Sermon on the 5th Resumed Sunday after Epiphany

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“All things do ye in the name of the Lord.” Col 3:17

God created all things for His glory and we should do all for His glory also. If our goal is to get to heaven, then we should strive to give God all the glory, for truly, only He deserves it, since all good things have their origin in Him.

Much of God’s glory is lost because of our sins and through forgetfulness of God. Even good people fall victim to holding back God’s glory at times because of human respect or a false sense of moderation, which is often just sloth. If we look to our Lord, we see that He gave the perfect example of zeal for His Father’s house. Early in His life, He stayed in the temple and said to His mother that He must be about His Father’s business. (cf. Luke 2:49) He constantly labored for souls and He agonized over our sins in the Garden of Gethsemane, where He sweated drops of blood. If we are to follow Christ, then love of God and love of neighbor for the sake of God will be the guiding principle of our interior and exterior life. *Deus caritas est* (God is Love).

We must seek God’s glory in all things, and to do this, we must have purity of intention. Purity of intention means doing even our most trifling acts for God, be it waking in the morning, eating, doing our work and even our recreation. No matter what we do, we should do it for God’s glory. If it cannot be done for His glory, then it is a sin that we are committing and must be avoided. To help us with the purity of intention, it is important to begin each day with a morning offering. It helps start our day out with the desire of serving God in all things, and then it is also good to renew this intention at the beginning of a new task, thus helping us keep the purity of intention in mind.

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