

The Holy Spirit is God's Presence with God's People: September 18, 2024

“We are born helpless. As soon as are fully conscious we discover loneliness,” C.S. Lewis.

“We are born looking for someone who is looking for us, and we remain in this mode of searching for the rest of our lives,” Curt Thompson.

“Loneliness is the great disease, the great poverty of Western society,” Mother Teresa.

The Nicene Creed
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages. (Psalm 2:7; Heb 1:5; Heb 5:5)
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, (John 15:26)
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

“God is Lover, Beloved, and Love itself,” Augustine..

“(Christians) believe that the living, dynamic activity of love has been going on in God for ever and has created everything else. And that, by the way, is perhaps the most important difference between Christianity and all other religions: that in Christianity God is not a static thing—not even a person—but a dynamic, pulsating activity, a life, almost a kind of drama. Almost, if you will not think me irreverent, a kind of dance.” C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*.

Exodus 33:14, Joel 2:28, 2 Cor 1:20-22, Phil 2:1-2, Rev 22:5, 2 Cor 3:16-18, MSG.

“The whole dance, or drama, or pattern of this three-Personal life is to be played out in each one of us: or (putting it the other way round) each one of us has got to enter that pattern, take his place in the dance. There is no other way to the happiness for which we were made ... Once a man is united to God, how could he not live forever? ... But how is he to be united to God? How is it possible for us to be taken into the three-Personal life? ... Now the whole offer which Christianity makes is this: that we can, if we let God have His way, come to share in the life of Christ ... The whole purpose of becoming a Christian is simply nothing else.” C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

We can learn to be more aware, more attentive, more delighted by the Holy Spirit's presence. And that is our hope for this year!

GROWING: The Immanuel Prayer or The Prayer of Examen

The Love of the Trinity has come to live in us.