

The Kingdom of God is the Kingdom of Love

In his dictum: "What you have inherited of your fathers, acquire it to own it".

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe calls us to penetrate the heritage of our ancestors with our hearts and minds to understand it.

Of what heritage the great poet and thinker is talking about?

Jesus says: "*Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness...*" (Mt. 6, 33)

Material man views the value of his success on Earth in wealth, power and money; spiritual man, however, regards success to be in unison with the divine. The message of Jesus is the message of love. This message leads into the Kingdom of God, into the realm of true love. The essence of love is non-violence. It is a high ideal.

To live it means:

1. To honor and respect God and our fellowmen
2. not to injure ourselves nor our neighbor
3. to maintain the dignity of every person
4. to forgive trespasses and injuries, that have been committed against us.

In praising God, in selfless service, mutual understanding and sharing, in devotion to God man develops his ability to love. The joy and enthusiasm of this love is the measure of his spirituality. Imitation of Christ is a cultural and spiritual heritage. Let us obtain it with joy, non-violence and confidence, so we will experience and develop togetherness in and with this divine love. God's Word and God's spirit will help us to take the path of love together.

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