

Spiritual Senses: Sight 2 (Outline)

Introduction

From the series on “Spiritual Senses,” we discussed the first, ‘Sight’ last Sunday. This morning, I want to conclude it with its relevance to what we celebrate in Holy Communion.

Present Condition

If you recall, I shared a scientific fact that ‘our eyes do not really see; it is the brain that sees; our eyes only gather light!’ On the premise of this principle, we saw how the first man and woman were blinded as they disobeyed God, as opposed to what they were promised by the deceiver, Satan! They were able to see what the Devil wanted them to see from that moment onwards! That is what he promised them! What a deal they got for us!

That has been the condition of humanity ever since! That is what Saint Paul reiterated in 2 Cor. 4:4, “The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers...” Notice, it is not their eyes that are blinded...but their minds – their brains!

Prophet Isaiah described it in chapter 59:10, although he was specifically talking about the people of Israel: “Like the blind we grope along the wall, feeling our way like men without eyes. At midday we stumble as if it were twilight...” What a meaningful description of our spiritual condition without the true light of God!

Rekindling the Light

It was in such a world and human condition that our Lord Jesus came as the light of the world! John describes that so eloquently in the first chapter verse 4, “In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.” It was the reaction 2000 years ago, when Jesus the light of the world came into the world; and the same is the reaction even today – people are in darkness, hopelessness, and empty!

Conclusion

Along with Saint Paul I want to say, “I thank God the Father who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the Kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness ...” Colossians 1:12-13. If any of you’ve not come to this Kingdom of Light yet, through accepting Jesus Christ, the light of the world, I encourage you this morning to do that. Even if you’ve, if your life is not a witness to the light that should shine in the world, I want you to rededicate your life this morning!

Holy Communion

In Holy Communion, we celebrate and commemorate what Jesus has done for us. We read in Mk. 15:33-34, that the true light of the world was under a cloud of darkness for a period of 3 hours, just before his last breath! What was that darkness? It was the aggregate totality of all the sin – yours, mine and all others from Adam to the end of human history that he was bearing on that Cross on behalf of us, as the due punishment! It was the sin that took the light out of the world and humanity in the beginning; but the accumulated sin of all humanity that Jesus bore was that huge that even overshadowed the natural light for a period of three hours as Jesus hung on the cross!
