

The Presence Jesus to us is Sacrament

SESSION THREE

Session Three Our youth will have an appreciation of the Salvation history of the human race from the vision God shared with us.

Review

1. God revealed to Moses the pertinent facts about creation God wished us to know.
2. Moses recorded this in story form so they could be remembered and shared.
3. From the stories, we get the following vision of humanity.

The History:

- God created everything in the world and saw that it was good.
- God created human beings in a special way – Made them God – like.
- Their “God-likeness” consists of the gifts of intelligence and free will and their use to guide and share the good things of the earth with all people.
- God gave the human race responsibility and we humans failed to live up to it. Sin came into the world
- The Biblical notion of sin is: Lack of a love and order that should be present.
As a result of sin there came into the world:

Lack of order and love within the human person that should be there
Lack of order and love within the man woman relationship that should be there
Lack of order and love within family living that should be there
Lack of order, and love among nations that should be there.

- At the same time God confronted humanity with sin and its effects, God also promised that there would come one who would restore order and love to humanity
- Though God continually made Himself known to each, as time went on, people began drifting more and more away from God.
- God spoke then through certain individuals to keep alive the faith in the Promise. The history of the promise lived on in the patriarch's, prophets and ancestors of the people of Israel who preserved this hope for all humanity
- In time, the Promised One came in the person of Christ whom we believe to be God become one of us.
- Many of the Jewish people saw Jesus as the Promised One. Many did not and continued to await His coming.
- In Himself, Jesus is the “Sacrament of God” – visible sign of the presence and action of God in our world. Jesus, by becoming one of us, suffering, dying and rising, redeemed us and reunited us with our God.
- After the Resurrection, Jesus wished to continue to be present and active in the world. He called together a Church, gave it the charge to continue His presence and action in the world. (A Community Sacrament of Jesus.)
- As Catholics, we see ourselves as the Leaven, Light, and Salt Community, called by Jesus to be a group set apart and by the difference of our lives, catalyze greater awareness of God's continuing presence in the world.
- This Church, by its life and ministry, strives to continue God's presence and action today and in this way “preach” the gospel to all humanity.
- Receiving the sacrament (presence and action of Christ at the key moments of their lives in the individual sacraments, members of the Church become “sacrament” - presence and action of God to and for the world,
- And in this way each member of the Christian community can say and mean of a certainty.

FOR THIS HAVE I COME INTO THE WORLD