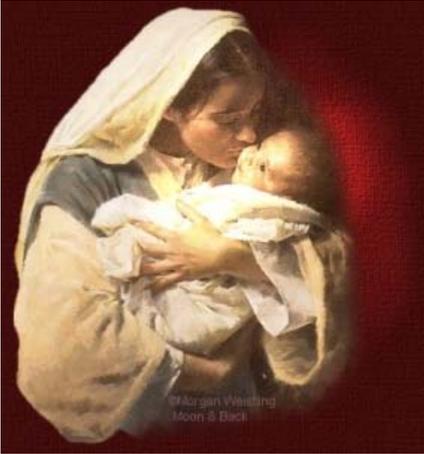


Come Let Us Adore Him – IV



The angel of the Lord appeared to shepherds living in the fields ... and said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David, a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." ... the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. (Luke 2:8-17)

The shepherds were the first to kneel before our Lord Jesus and adore Him. This adoration had a profound impact on them, so they went out and told the message made known to them about this child.

At Christmas we celebrate God coming to us, God becoming flesh. Have you really pondered how did Jesus really come to us? Some will say as a Human, as a Man, or as a Child, but Jesus really came to us as a Baby. And what is one of the first things a Baby does? Some say cry, some say breathe, and what comes before that?

One of the first things a Baby does is touch. Touch in the Mother's Womb, Touch when Born, Touch when given to the Parents, Touch while Growing-up. That is exactly what Jesus did to and for us. He Touched us. He became Visible, He needed to be nurtured, loved, fed, and taught by a family. He grew up spending His whole life touching us in the Four Dimensions of Love (Spiritual, Emotional, Mental, and Physical).

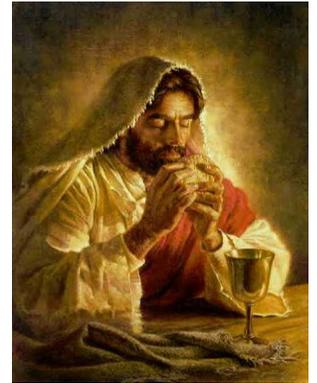
When asked the question "How does God touch you Physically today? The usual answer is – through another person. While true, - how does God really touch you in a physical intimate way?

Before He went to His Passion, He said I am not leaving you alone. I am not taking back the Physical Dimension of my Love. I will always be with You.

- "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

After Jesus' Resurrection, He continued to physically Touch:

- Mary Magdalene at the Tomb
- With the Disciples on the road to Emmaus.
- In the Room on Easter Sunday Evening.
- With Thomas a week later: "Put your finger here ...
- In the 40 days before His Ascension, when Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast."



Jesus did these physical signs so you may (come to) believe that Jesus is the Messiah, and is physically present with us now and through this belief you may have life in His name.

Jesus touches us Spiritually, Emotionally, Mentally, and Physically in the Eucharist each time we receive Holy Communion. We are in total union with Him. When the Priest/Minister says "The Body of Christ" we bow before God, say Amen - either extend our tongue or make our hands a Throne/Altar for God to rest. We hold God in our Hands or on our Tongue. Our Amen means – I believe this is truly the real presence of Jesus Christ; I believe that Jesus truly becomes part of me; I believe I take Him out into the world inside of me.

Ever since Jesus Christ was born a little baby boy, He has never stopped reaching out to us and always being there to be with us and touch us. He gives His complete Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity to us in Holy Communion. He permits Himself to remain physically present in the Host, so we like the shepherds can come and adore Him.

If Jesus were actually visible in church, everyone would run to welcome Him, but He remains hidden in the Sacred Host under the appearance of Bread, because He is calling us to faith, that we many come to Him in humility.

During this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year, give yourself the greatest gift you can ever receive. Be present with Jesus and receive Him in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Come to Adoration to adore Him and be present with Him.

May You and Your Love Ones Have a Very Blessed and Peaceful Christmas and New Year!

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May Christ come to you this Christmas
with the Blessing of Hope, the Promise of
Peace, the Season of Joy,
and the Gift of Love.

May you spend time with Him in
Adoration so that His gift to you will touch
your Heart!