

All Thy Heart, Soul and Mind

Matthew 22:37-Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. (KJV)

The teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ are readily found in the Holy Gospel. The heart, soul and mind appear together in three places in the Holy Gospel. St. Matthew, St. Mark and St. Luke mention the heart, mind and soul together. The Lord Jesus Christ prescribes complete love of God with heart, mind and soul. Believers are challenged throughout life to achieve this complete love of God. God's Holy Church encourages, facilitates and nourishes a complete love of God. Availing the self of the Church's nourishment and teaching rests with the believer. Complete love of God comes through personal growth in the life of the Church. The love of God does not come through force but through personal willingness.

Mark 12:30-Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. (KJV)

Attentive believers will hear Jesus' words during the course of Divine worship. Serious believers will attempt to take Jesus' words and apply them to themselves. Sin, temptations and other personal interests prevent the complete love of God. A believer must be committed to complete love of God for achievement to occur. Discipline and guarding of the heart, mind and soul are needed for complete love. Prayer, fasting and the aid of the Lord Jesus Christ are required to fully love God. The Holy Gospel offers nourishment and direction for the heart, mind and soul. The serious believer will invest extensively in studying the Holy Scriptures. Making the Lord Jesus Christ's teachings a part of daily life requires willingness.

Luke 10:27-And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. (KJV)

The Divine services of the Church will affect the heart, the mind and the soul. The heart, mind, and soul's love of God will be manifested in personal demeanor. Personal relationships will reflect the love of God in the heart, mind and soul. A believer's fruits and use of gifts and talents will reveal if God is fully loved. The way a person interacts with others on a daily basis will show if God is loved. The heart, mind and soul are precious and are to be treated with the greatest care. The relationship with God is revealed in the care of the mind, heart and soul. Growth in Christ is a life-long expectation involving the heart, mind and soul. Each believer determines his or her personal goals for the heart, mind and soul.

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