

IF WE SEEK TRUE VALUE!

Who brings souls to salvation? Not we, certainly! It is Jesus Crucified Who has been saving souls since the first day and Who continues to save them by applying the infinite merits of His bloody expiation. At the most, and due only to His divine condescension, we can become cooperators – apostles – in the salvation of souls, in proportion to our union with Him – that is, in proportion to our humble, trustful, obedient, and prayerful love for Him.

Everything that Saint Paul says about love is related to the **SUPERNATURAL** VALUE OF OUR ACTIONS. For that reason, and that reason alone, can the worth of anything we do or suffer or endure be applied to our apostolate for the benefit of other souls. Without love, all our words, whether spoken or written, are but as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals (noise makers); all our knowledge and erudition will profit us nothing; all our study and research is no more than so much mental clutter. Without love, we are of positively no help or value to any soul in need of spiritual help or guidance. Without love, because of our loveless, un-Christ-like example and way of life, even our endeavors to find new ways of impressing and attracting souls will be of no value and will all be harmful instead of helpful to anyone. We may be great preachers, wonderful public speakers, world renowned journalists, writers of great books, illustrious teachers, great organizers, but if the Charity of Our Lord does not **burn fiercely** within us, **WE WILL NEVER BE APOSTLES!**

An apostle is one who speaks and thinks and acts in the Name of Jesus! An apostle is one who is in constant and intimate union with his Lord! An apostle is one who is always inflamed with love for his God! An apostle's love is not an emotion, it is a condition of soul! An apostle's motivation and zeal for saving souls is passionate and consistent and constant. An apostle knows that he must keep his forces intact so that the cry of his unshakable faith and love may reach all the way to heaven.

It remains unailing, therefore, that there will be no benediction on any life or work that is not motivated strictly and only by the Charity of God. □

*Jesus, Mary,
I love You,
save souls!*