

Abelard

the positive willingness to trust in the wider areas of life and experience. The first of these is the "easy" and occurs when one says "I believe" while the second is more difficult and is shown in progressive yieldness to God in the pursuits of life. Mere prevalent grace and assenting faith save no, as far as the church in this age is concerned and, although our opinions have been hopefully restrained in exercise, we feel sure they are right to this extent. The theory continues to have followers but as Abelard was judged an heretic the assurance of grace is possible but not probable in most cases. The Scholastics feel that if one has suffered, persevered, endured, etc., he may come to feel assurance since he knows of the faith of love. But the average man in his own way cannot know assurance since there is no proof of it in the context of the direction of his life. For these reasons, positive expressions of assurance are rare in this period although occasionally one will come out in the monastic expressions of the brethren of the common life or some such group and we are always encouraged by it.

3. The Doctrine of Salvation

Here is what might be called a normative expression of the Gospel work as charted by the mediaeval catholic church of the Roman order. There were cults and groups who had ideas of their own, to be sure, but this could be considered normative:

- a. Agreement to the Word of the church.
- b. Knowledge of one's sinful condition (a matter of insight or understanding)
- c. Hope in God's mercy
- d. Paternal feeling of God...looking for His benevolence in a "fatherly" setting.
- e. Hatred of and turning from sin.
- f. Resolve to obey (exercise of faith of love)

The extent described by Augustine. But... and subject. Desire for baptism and the ordinances of the church...with the intent to continue therein.

F. Ecclesiology
 It is rather well thought and established that the hierarchichal church is the Kingdom of God. As such it is visible, a conveyer of grace, and the only appointed institution for salvation. Schismatics and dissenters who are not at peace with the church are lost. This is most clearly stated in the edict (what God has declared) and the faith of love with it.

Scholastic
 Program of
 Salvation
 Summarized.

The Means
 of Grace

...and
 Necessity
 thereof.

Ecclesiology