

Resumé:

Jan Poříz, Prayer of St. Augustine

This work is offering to introduce St. Augustine as a man and a teacher of prayer and to include his spiritual teaching into the whole of his theology and philosophy and also into the wider events of the religious and common history.

The prayer and the spiritual life remains the focal point from which the whole is being observed. They proved and emphasize their importance for the entire of the saint's teaching and his life.

The first Chapter is pointing out the historical aspect of Augustin's times. In three points it moves from the more distant circumstances, from the onset of Christianity and the fall of the West-Roman Empire, through to the position of the Church at these times, till the treatise about Augustin's predecessors who already worked on the theme of prayer.

The Chapter two is mapping out Augustine's life of prayer since his childhood till his death. Most time is dedicated to the events involving his conversion, which are fundamental to Augustine's future spiritual direction and his theological reflex.

The nucleus and the outcome of Chapter three is its concluding part, where the individual forms of prayer are described, which Augustin thematized and their mutual interaction. There are parts dedicated to the important themes of anthropology, dealing with the implantation of the image of God into the spiritual part of the human being, or the relationship between knowledge and love. Development of love in Augustin's understanding is synonymous with the increase of our union with God and therefore also with the growth of the spiritual life. Only the one who loves can become the true and full image of God.

Chapter four analyzes the single tract, that Augustine dedicated exclusively to the theme of prayer. It is the Letter 130 to the Roman widow Probe. The Letter is dealing with a number of basic questions that are also often asked at the present times: The necessity to pray, the possibility of the constant prayer, the need for the expression in words or the problem of unanswered prayers.

Chapter five summarises the context of the entire work and once more tries to emphasize the place of prayer in the whole of Augustin's thought and life. Precisely in this willingness of allowing your existence to be permeated with prayer and at the same time to draw from life, but especially from theology the inspiration to pray and to lead a spiritual life – this is where the author of this work sees the great benefit that this teacher of the Church brings to our spiritual teaching.

Pět klíčových slov:

Augustin – prayer – knowledge – love – context