

scope: world, continents, nations, regions, down parish, functional situation

Contents Pt as pt Church as ongoing process of self-realization ^{in the present}

Meaning: Carriers: Intersubjectivity Art Symbol Language

Functions: cognitive constitutive effective communicative

Common meaning: common field of experience, else out of touch

common understanding, else misunderstanding distrust fear

common judgements, else live in different worlds

common values, goals, else operate at crosspurposes

Community: a field of common meaning

fruit of successful communication, resulting in common meaning

Church: double focus

God's love has flooded our hearts through the Holy Spirit he has given us (Rom 5, 5)

Christ's witness to God's love transmitted down the centuries through the witness of Xtians

God can be counted on to give his grace: practical theology is concerned with the communication of the Xtian message

The message announces what Xtians are to believe, what they are to become what they are to do. Its meaning then is at once cognitive, constitutive, and effective. Cognitive inasmuch as it tells what Xtians are to believe, Constitutive inasmuch as it crystallizes the hidden inner gift of love into Xtian fellowship. Effective inasmuch as it directs Xtian service to human society to bring about the kingdom of God.

~~The message is redemptive: the message of Christ crucified, dead and risen~~ ^{Communitate - cognition from knowledge - communication live it effective practice}

It is redemptive because it goes to the root of alienation and ideology

The most radical form of alienation is sin, man's refusal of the self-transcendence that is the key to truly human living. The most radical form of ideology is the ideology that rejects

The message is redemptive both in content and in significance. In its content for it about Christ crucified dead and risen. In its significance for the meaning of that message is that truly human living is self-transcending. The radical form of alienation is the refusal of self-transcendence. The radical form of ideology is the justification of that refusal. By calling on men to go beyond themselves, the Christian message attacks at their roots both both alienation and ideology, while it is precisely alienation and ideology that bring about the divisions, diverging judgements, the misunderstandings that threaten the ruin of human society.