

Hope or Apocatastasis? The reflection upon eschatology of Waclaw Hryniewicz

Summary

Theological thought calls for a dynamic life. It reveals itself in constant readiness to question what has already been achieved. The reason is inconceivable God, who is the subject of theological thinking. He reveals himself to man in the history of his life. Hence man who discovers that he has been called to be a theologian, has to be open and listen to "God's talk" in a special way. He has to be brave in interpreting it. Beyond doubt, Rev. Hryniewicz belongs to the few theologians who are not afraid of taking up such challenges. J. Majewski calls the dispute about apocatastasis the "hottest and the most important dispute which was carried on in the theological circle in Poland after the war". The discussion began after Rev. Hryniewicz, ecumenist and lecturer at the Lublin Catholic University, published an article "Hope of General Redemption. Deliberations on the Eastern Tradition" in the January 1978 issue of "Więzi". S. Małkowski engaged in the dispute with Hryniewicz. After ten years, in 1989, W. Hryniewicz published a book "Nadzieja zbawienia wszystkich" (Hope of Redeeming All.) The book provoked a heated discussion. As a result, two meetings of the Dogmatic Section of Polish Theologians devoted to *Hope of Redemption for All* were held in 1991 and 1992. The participants in the dispute published their opinions in such periodicals as "Tygodnik Powszechny", "Niedziela", "Więzi", "Collectanea Theologica", and "Przegląd Powszechny". The Paschal time makes us take up the topic again.