



Sunday, February 12, 2012

Reflections

Our wisdom, in so far as it ought to be deemed true and solid Wisdom, consists almost entirely of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves.

*John Calvin, in the first sentence of
Institutes of the Christian Religion*

Give me a man in love: he knows what I mean. Give me one who yearns; give me one who is hungry; give me one far away in this desert, who is thirsty and sighs for the spring of the Eternal country. Give me that sort of man: he knows what I mean. But if I speak to a cold man, he just does not know what I am talking about.

St. Augustine

Oh, to vex me, contraries meet in one:
Inconstancy unnaturally hath begot
A constant habit; that when I would not
I change in vows, and in devotion.
As humorous is my contrition
As my profane love, and as soon forgot:
As riddingly distempered, cold and hot,
As praying, as mute; as infinite, as none.
I durst not view heaven yesterday; and today
In prayers and flattering speeches I court God:
Tomorrow I quake with true fear of his rod.
So my devout fits come and go away
Like a fantastic ague; save that here
Those are my best days, when I shake with fear.

John Donne, "Holy Sonnet 19"

Regardless of my own beliefs and my own doubts, it is my opinion that art lost its basic creative drive the moment it was separated from worship.

Ingmar Bergman

God Calls Us to Worship

Call to Worship – Psalm 96:1-3 – *Paul Kim*

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!

Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
tell of His salvation from day to day.

All: Declare His glory among the nations,
His marvelous works among all the peoples!

Scripture Reading – from Psalm 96

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before Him;
strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before Him, all the earth!

Offerings of the People

Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory
Hosanna in the Highest
Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord
Hosanna in the Highest

*“Sanctus” (meaning “holy”),
an ancient church hymn*

God Speaks to Us

Scripture – Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of His glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

Sermon

The Holiness of God
Marshall Brown

God Sends Us Out

Lord's Supper (9:00 am only)

Why do we come forward together?

Because we are all members of one body in Jesus Christ. In coming forward for the Supper together, we see and participate in the visible display of this truth.

Can someone pray for me?

Yes! People who desire to pray with and for you will be standing in the front of the sanctuary after the service. All prayer requests will remain confidential. Also, if you would like to learn more about Jesus, they're available to talk with you.

What if I'm not a Christian?

We are glad you're here. Consider using this time to reflect on your experience today. If you're looking for God, He is near. Take some time to pray to Him. Use your own words or one of the prayers printed below.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Please guide me, teach me and open me to the reality of who You are. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life You promise.

Prayer for Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through You I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. Thank You for paying my debt on the cross and offering me complete forgiveness. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as my Savior and Lord.

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Want prayer? Our prayer team is available to pray with you after the service at the front of the sanctuary. All requests are kept confidential.

Welcome Center. If you would like more information about our church, please visit the Welcome Center in the refreshments area.

Ministry Contacts. If you have a question or a need, we are here to serve you. To contact a pastor, discuss financial or mercy needs, find a Community Group, and for other information, please visit: www.PacificCrossroads.org/Ministries



Our Vision

Changed Lives by God's Power
Renewing Los Angeles for Christ's Fame

Our Values

Gospel. The gospel is the good news of what God has done for us through Jesus Christ: it is expansive and animates everything we do.

Community. The gospel gives birth to a new community of sincere humility, indiscriminate love, and deep concern for both spiritual and material needs.

Discipleship. We desire to see lives changed by the gospel of grace so that the people of God, grounded in the Word of God, are equipped for the ministry of God.

Mission. The gospel defines our identity and our mission as one: we are witnesses to the gospel of God, declaring with our words and our lives that Jesus is Lord.

Sunday Worship

Westside: 9:00 am, 11:00 am

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Downtown: 5:00 pm

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