

Monday, 1 July 2013

Romans 14:14-20

I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died. So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats.

Lord, help me to preach that Your Kingdom is not rules and regulations, it is not obedience to the Law because You have commanded it. Life in the Kingdom is acceptance of Your Lordship, trusting in You completely and without reservation. Life in the Kingdom is pursuit of a relationship with You, a seeking to know You and a compulsion to live according to Your Word. It is seeking to live in Your presence with all my heart, soul, mind and strength, loving my neighbor as myself. It is that transformation from one degree of glory into another that Paul speaks of. It is accepting the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all aspects of my life. It is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. It is knowing You, the one true God and you Son, Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Tuesday, 2 July 2013

1 Corinthians 4:20

For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.

Lord, my prayer this morning is that I can enter into that power, that my life will be one of complete surrender to You, trusting in Your control of 'all things' for Your glorification and my good.

Wednesday, 3 July 2013

Psalm 50:1-3

A Psalm of Asaph. The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

LORD, God Almighty, the roar of a devouring fire, the thunder of a mighty tempest, the tumult of the crashing waves, the oppressive silence of an approaching tornado, the great crash as the storm breaks upon one; all are weak and futile attempts by the human mind to describe Your infinite majesty.

Thursday, 4 July 2013

Psalm 50:4-6

He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!" The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge! Selah

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1

My body, my will, my mind, my soul, my heart, my all, presented to You to be used in Your service. This is my worship to be totally dedicated to Your service.

Friday, 5 July 2013

Psalm 50:7-11

"Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. (11) I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.

Is my sacrifice of worship one of attempting to give back to You what You already own while refusing the one gift that I have complete control over? Is not that a hypocritical sacrifice?

Saturday, 6 July 2013

Psalm 50:12-15

"If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine. Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

(14) Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, (15) and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

Do I thank You in all circumstances? No. Am I faithful in the performance of all my vows to You? No. Do I call on You on the day of trouble? No. Do I give You the glory constantly? No. Only when all else fails. When, O Lord, will You become a God of first resort in my heart rather than a God of last resort? Praise You, my Lord and my Master for Your unfailing patience with me, a weak, failing and pride-filled creature.

Lord's Day, 7 July 2013

Psalm 119:171-172

My lips will pour forth praise, for you teach me your statutes. My tongue will sing of your word, for all your commandments are right.

Lord, I need help in transforming my mind, heart, soul and strength into an engine of praise. Help me to become like those old Celts for whom praise and blessing was as much a part of them as the breaths they took.

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