

What are you Making? – August 18th – Pastor Peter

Hebrews 13:12-15 "So also Jesus suffered and died outside the city gates to make His people holy by means of His own blood. So let us go out to Him, outside the camp, and bear the disgrace He bore. For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come. Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to His name."	QUESTIONS: 1. What does the word holy mean to you?
Isaiah 64:8 "And yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are the potter. We all are formed by your hand."	
1. He's Making Us Holy Jesus is making us holy. He's making us different. He's making us distinct.	2. What does it mean for us that Jesus pays the enormous price for
We're not like people who don't know Jesus. We have a different calling, we have a different purpose.	us?
Hebrews 13:12 "So also Jesus suffered and died outside the city gates to make His people holy by means of His own blood."	
When Jesus cries, 'My God, my God, why have You abandoned Me?' This is the only time Jesus doesn't call God 'Father' when He speaks to Him.	
Why the change?	3. How did Jesus prove his love for us?
2 Corinthians 5:21 "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."	·
In that moment, the sinless Saviour wraps Himself in the sins of the world. And He gives His life for a lost and dying and broken and hurting world.	·
Everybody's looking for love. Here's the truest expression of love.	

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1 John 4:10 "This is real love: He loved us long before we loved Him. It was His love, not ours. He proved it by sending His Son to be the pleasing sacrificial offering to take away our sins."

Romans 5:8 "But Christ proved God's passionate love for us by dying in our place while we were still lost and ungodly!"

Jesus loves you so much that He came to die for you when you didn't even care if He existed at all.

I can't solve all my problems all by myself but now, because of Jesus, I can look to the One who works miracles.

Do you interpret God through the filter of your life, or do you interpret your life through the filter of God?

Romans 8:28 "Because we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

2. He's Making Us Into His Image

Hebrews 13:13 "Let us, then, go to Him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace He bore."

It's saying, 'let's join Jesus and do what He did.' It's part of a bigger picture.

Romans 8:29 "For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters."

So how do we conform to the image of Christ?

Romans 12:2 "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."

And in the preceding verse, Paul gives us the 'how to.'

Romans 12:1 "And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to offer yourselves to God because of all He has done for you. Be a living and holy sacrifice - the kind He will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship Him."

QUESTIONS:

1. What does being a follower of Jesus mean?

2. How is he making us to his image?

3. What is our true identity if we know him?

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Being a follower of Jesus isn't what we do, being a follower of Jesus is who we are.

He's making us into His image.

2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

'Being in Christ' is who we really are if we know Him. 'Being in Christ' is our true identity.

God wants visible, lived out evidence that our lives are built on Him.

3. He's Making Us a People of Praise

We need to live our lives in the light of eternity and not in light of every fad that comes and goes.

Hebrews 13:15 "Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to His name."

The terms 'sacrifice' and 'praise' might seem like opposites.

We think of sacrifice as doing something at great cost to ourselves.

Praise, on the other hand, sounds like something exciting, like a celebration.

Our praise and worship are forever anchored in who Jesus is and in His sacrifice for us.

Our praise is existential, not just experiential.

Our praise is anchored in who He is and not only in what He does.

Putting it all together:

QUESTIONS:

1. What does our praise depend on?

2. Should our praise be experiential?

3 Should our praise be anchored on what God does or on what God is?

4. Why should we praise when things are not going well in our lives?

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1. Jesus reconciles us with the Father and makes us holy. What does the word Holy mean to you? In the bible it means set apart. It doesn't mean righteousness or perfection as some may interpret.. And the interpretation of all things, especially the ones we need to learn, is key. Why are we set apart for God? Here is the reason: because Jesus made himself the bridge to reconcile the Father with us who before we met him were dead in our sins; once we cross the bridge we no longer are on the same side. We are reunited with the Father and our essence changes, our nature changes, therefore our live changes. Making us different than what we used to be and setting us apart from that past nature. That is how we become holy.

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It is not by works, following rituals or being spiritual. Its be receiving Jesus as our saviour, reconciling through him with the Father and by understanding that as a holy people we are now different and set apart by and for the Father interpreting your life through the filter of God and not God through your life. We walk through faith; we understand the spiritual things and recognize that God in his realness controls everything and we are in his hands. That gives us security and trust that all that happens God has control over. Specially when we make mistakes. He has control over the situation and is greater than our mistakes.

2. Becoming more like Jesus means being less like us. It all comes with a price but for every price there is a reward. You don't pay a price and get nothing in return. Becoming more like Jesus will cost us renouncing to ourselves and the way we think and interact in the world that surrounds us. Not driven by others acceptance but the kindness and principles of Jesus teachings. Become his disciples, and a disciples the more we spend time with him, learning from him the more we will become more like him and less like we were before we met him.

3. It's by Him, it's in Him, it's with Him, it's to Him, it's for Him that we offer our praise to God. Our praise is not based on the results we see in front of us but on the one we have believed. Jesus. It's not about how great I'm feeling today. It's not about what happened to me yesterday. It's not about what's going to happen to me tomorrow. It's not about the place. It's not about the song. It's about Jesus and who He is. And He is worthy of all glory and all honour and all majesty and all praise.

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ACTION STEPS:	