PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Praying with Jesus – Pt.2

(Matthew 6:9-10)

Matthew 6:9-10, "Hallowed be Your name."

- Hallowed isn't a word we toss around these days
- What does it mean to you?

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Hallowed = To venerate & consecrate as **pure**, **holy**, **sacred** & **blameless**

If we take Jesus up on His invitation to **pray this** with Him...

- Is that what the Father means to us?
- Do we address Him personally as this being who He is?
- Is this what resides in our heart & mind when we think of Him?
- Because it's not about reciting the words

If this defines who He is to us...

- Is that evident by **how we speak** & **live**?
- Is that the reason for how & why we speak & live?
- It won't happen by accident

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John 1:14, 18 & 20:21

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

No one has ever seen God. The One and Only Son — the One who is at the Father's side — He has revealed Him.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

What do others think of Him because of **how we live** & **speak**?

 "Love is when your name is safe in someone's mouth"

Gary Smalley, "Change your conduct, or change your name"

Exodus 20:7, "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him quiltless who takes His name in vain."

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- This is not just about people who use His name to curse
- It's about using His name for personal, earthly benefit

Christ is entrusting us with God's reputation

"Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

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What is His kingdom like?

What is it not like?

Let's first be honest about what it's not

Matthew 7:21-23, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I

never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

Matthew 7:26-27, 12:48-50 & James 1:22

Those who only hear vs.
 Those who hear & do

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- Those who **do not** do are **Lawless**

They do not govern their lives by what God has said

 They have placed their own will above will of God

Psalm 36:1-4, Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart; there is no fear of God before his eyes. For he flatters himself in his own eyes that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated. The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit; he has ceased to act wisely and do good. He plots trouble while on his bed; he sets himself in a way that is not good; **he does not reject evil**.

Psalm 50:16-17, But to the wicked God says:
"What right have you to recite My statutes, or take

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My covenant in your mouth, seeing you hate instruction and cast My words behind you?"

Romans 1:18-22, For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be

We are living in times when some who call Him Father, **deny His kingdom**.

wise, they became fools... (Vs. 24-26, 28 & 32)

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- And we had better know the difference

I Corinthians 6:9-10, Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

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Galatians 5:19-21, Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

God's kingdom is the kingdom of love

 Love does not encourage ways of living that bar people from His kingdom

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Romans 12:2,9 & **21**, And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Let love be without hypocrisy. **Abhor what is evil**. Cling to what is good.

Do not be overcome by evil, but **overcome evil with good**.

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Matthew 16:18-19, And I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

We've looked at what God's kingdom is not

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Next time we'll see what His kingdom is

Next week: Michael Bouterse will be with us