

Eucharistic Homily

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 5, 2018

The good news of Col. 2 is that all who are baptized into union with Jesus have been circumcised by the circumcision that is without human hands. You have died with Christ and have been raised to new life by the power of the Spirit. You are no longer under the dominion of darkness, no longer subject to the curse of death, and no longer under the power of sin.

But living in fallen flesh in the midst of a fallen world can make us forget who we are and who we are called to be. The sinful lusts of the old man still entice us. There's a part of us that is still drawn to the temptations of the world. Sometimes the Devil's lies are more attractive than the uncomfortable truth of God's word.

This is precisely why Jesus calls us together to feast with Him every Lord's Day and why we need what God gives us every Lord's Day. Coming into God's presence reminds us of the way things really are, despite all evidence to the contrary. Jesus invites us to His Table to feast on His broken body and shed blood because He is reminding us who we are in Him and empowering us to be who we are called to be.

You are no longer in Adam, you are in Christ. You are dead to sin and alive to God. You are no longer under the control of the flesh; you are now under the control of God's Spirit. Yes, sanctification is painful. Yes, putting sin to death is excruciating. So, come and receive nourishment and strength from the Spirit so that you can walk in step with the Spirit and bear the fruit of the Spirit.

If you've been baptized into Christ and are seeking to live faithfully and obediently for Him, you are invited to partake of this feast that Jesus has prepared for us. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

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