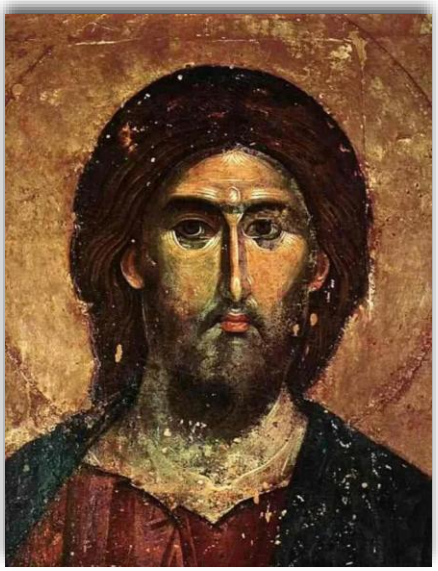
2025 10 09 Devotion

Seeing the Father



John 5:19

"So Jesus explained, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself.
He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does."

Our way of seeing tends to show biases in our perception. We usually see what we want to see. When I walk with my friends, my friends see something different from what I see. They find what interests them, and I find what is interesting to me. We tend to see things through our wishes and motivations.

If you are thinking of the color red, you start to spot anything red in color. And those are unbelievably many. If you are thinking of the color blue, you start to spot blue colors everywhere. Our seeing is not trustworthy at all.

What did Jesus see? Jesus saw the Father doing. The Father always creates, restores, and heals broken things and people. The Father does what the Father wants to do from his infinite mercy, grace and compassion. Jesus sees what the Father does and Jesus does the same. It doesn't mean the passivity of Jesus. It is a different kind of seeing. It means that Jesus enters the heart of the Father, and from the Father's heart he sees people and the world and does what God does.

But we cannot see the world as it is at all. This is because we have prejudices, desires, and wishes in us. And it distorts what we see. Our motivations form the lens we see through. Also, if our desires are bound on earthly things, we cannot see the heavenly things at all in our everyday lives. Only in the Spirit of Jesus, your spiritual eyes are opened, and you can see the spiritual world.

This process forms the lens of love in your heart. If love becomes the lens, you can see from the other person's perspective. It is what love does for us. Love lets us enter the person, become the person, and feel their pain, and deep desires. Then, we can respond with empathy. What do you see from the person who is standing in front of you? Only compassion opens the way of seeing from the other person's perspective. The Holy Spirit moves and works in that space powerfully, and it is healing.

Grace and joy,

Pastor Hae-Jeong