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February 19, 2014

Perfect?

*You, therefore, must be perfect
as your Father in heaven is perfect.
Matthew 5:48*

Judgement

Many people will read this Bible verse and immediately conclude that God is very harsh and judgmental. Many will want to have nothing to do with Jesus at all.

Usually, this is because of a false idea of perfection. The idea Jesus is getting across here is not the requirement of reaching an impossible standard. The idea is fullness. You, having received the love of God, now have all that is needed to reach your full purpose. God is always drawing you in, including you, providing for you. God will never leave you or forsake you. Any setback, no matter how severe, will not stop God's desire to bring you to the full purpose for which you were created.

Life

It is easy to come to the point of receiving the love of God and then thinking we can go on alone, just me and God. However, the full purpose of your life is only realized in the relationships God gives you. Forgiving those who have hurt you, blessing your enemies, seeking to include those who are on the margins are all actions that are empowered by the Holy Spirit. Receiving the love of God will give you the ability to forgive, bless and include more than you ever have before. How does God want you to receive that today?

Coming Attractions

Sunday, February 23, 2014 worship at 10:00am

Friday, February 28, 2014 Kindred Spirits 7:30pm

Sunday, March 1, 2014 worship at 10:00am

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For Dollar General that sales may increase, more jobs created in this store, and many people served by what is offered in the inventory.

Diocese of Virginia

Congregation and clergy of St. Peter's in the Woods, Fairfax Station; Holy Cross Korean, Fairfax; Trinity, Fredericksburg; and Messiah, Chancellor.

Many thanks to Bill Weatherford and Carl Nelson for clearing the snow last week from the driveway and the entrance to the church!!!!!!!

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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