

Who is God?

Have you ever stopped to ask yourself who is God to me? How does God fit into my life's equation? Is He merely a dusty book on the shelf; a fall back in times of need; a Sunday obligation; someone I'll turn to later in life?

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Matthew 25:13

"...one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

Ephesians 4:6

The presence of God in our lives should set our hearts on fire every day; but where have I seen God in my life? Where have I seen Him "...hungry...thirsty...or naked..."(Mt. 25:37-39)? Are our hearts blind to the presence of God in others? Do we not see the face of God in all that we meet. Who is God and when have I reached out to Him, to minister to Him or to be ministered to by Him? If I doubt the presence of God in others...I doubt the very existence of God.

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.

1 John 4:12

Jesus is king of the Universe, master of all creation; and yet He takes the back seat to the rest of our lives. We worry about tomorrow though we do not have to (Mt. 6:25-34). We waste our time collecting material possessions and dwelling in passing things of this world (1John 2:15-17). Who is God to me? Is He someone who walked the earth two thousand years ago...or someone who died to save me from death itself?

"For behold, the kingdom of God is among you." Luke 17:21

"...and they shall name him Emmanuel,' which means 'God is with us.'" Matthew 1:23

How does my life testify to who God is? My actions speak louder than words and my words can be actions themselves. Do my words and actions speak of a God more powerful than death, poverty, sin and despair? Do I show up on Sunday, hear God's word and receive His grace only to do nothing with it outside of Mass?

"Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!...See! I will bring spirit into you, that you may come to life...thus you shall know that I am the Lord." Ezekiel 37:4, 5, 13

The Feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, does not just signify the end to another liturgical year and the coming of Advent. This Feast speaks of all the Readings we hear throughout the year, telling us that Jesus is King not just on a feast day, or at this time of the year, or only during Mass. Jesus is present always and everywhere and He never stops being King. Who do I say that God is? God is King, God is mighty, God is present, God is love of another person, God is love!

*Jesus,
awaken within me the desire to live
for You, and with You.
May Your love inflame my heart,
and deepen my trust to reach out
to others and walk with them
in compassionate faith.
Create in me the spark of hope,
igniting dry hearts and a tender love
to soothe wounded souls.
Help me to seek You in all things and
show a disdain for the emptiness
of this world.*