



Hospitality

Recovering the Lost Christian Practice - Part 4

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Christ as the Stranger

Matthew 25:31-46

*“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in,
I needed clothes and you clothed me,
I was sick and you looked after me,
I was in prison and you came to visit me.”*

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“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”



Receiving Hospitality

- ◆ *Giving hospitality remains difficult for some of us.*
- ◆ *But for those for which giving hospitality is easier:*
 - ❖ *Hospitality can be a form of control.*
 - ❖ *Hospitality can be a form of pride.*
 - ❖ *Hospitality can separate us from others.*
- ◆ *We are often far more comfortable giving than receiving.*



Receiving Hospitality

- ◆ *Receiving requires great vulnerability.*
- ◆ *Receiving requires great humility.*
- ◆ *Receiving requires that we break through the awkwardness and let others love us.*
- ◆ *Receiving requires that we pull down the barriers that keep others at a distance.*
- ◆ *Receiving is a gift to the one who is giving hospitality.*



Receiving Hospitality

“It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.



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He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”

Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.”

“No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.”

Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.”

“Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!”



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Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

- John 13:1-17





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