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REVELATION

A RENEWED IMAGINATION

Reflections

We do not content ourselves with the life we have in ourselves and in our own being; we desire to live an imaginary life in the mind of others, and for this purpose we endeavor to shine. We labour unceasingly to adorn and preserve this imaginary existence, and neglect the real. And if we possess calmness, or generosity, or truthfulness, we are eager to make it known, so as to attach these virtues to that imaginary existence.

Indeed who do not see it but youths who are absorbed in fame, diversion, and the thought of the future? But take away diversion, and you will see them dried up with weariness. They feel then their nothingness without knowing it; for it is indeed to be unhappy to be in insufferable sadness as soon as we are reduced to thinking of self, and have no diversion.

- from Blaise Pascal's *Pensees*

'Nocturne in Black and Gold - The Falling Rocket' by James Whistler, 1875

'Revelation: A Renewed Imagination' logo by Jesse Wu

Scripture

Revelation 3:14-22

¹⁴ “And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation.

¹⁵ “‘I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. ¹⁹ Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. ²¹ The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”


Sermon

The Tragedy of Not Realizing Your True Condition

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Events & News

Prayer: the Invisible Reality, pt II, May 10, 12

Do you struggle with prayer? Do you want to learn how to pray? In May, we're diving into how to pray upward, that is, how to grow closer to the Lord through communicative prayer. Come to either our Thursday night or Saturday morning session.

Update on Special Easter Tithes for Hope Gardens

Just a few weeks ago, on Easter Sunday, we joined together to collect a special offering for a truly impactful homeless and foster care ministry in our city, Hope Gardens.

Together, we raised nearly \$86,000. All of those funds will be used by Hope Gardens to transform the lives of homeless mothers and their children this next year. Tremendous thanks for your gifts and prayers. Please continue to pray for Hope Gardens.

View and sign up for all events on our mobile app, on our website, PacificCrossroads.org/Events, or speak with someone at the 'New Here?' tent.

Ministry Resources

Pastoral Care

Our pastoral care team is here to care for you if you are in a difficult place. Email pastoralcare@pacificcrossroads.org or call our office at 310.551.0081.

Celebrate Recovery

Join together weekly with others to celebrate God's healing power in our lives. Visit PacificCrossroads.org/CelebrateRecovery.