

PASTOR'S COLUMN—DECEMBER 22, 2014

Dear Parishioners:

Sometimes the discussion comes up about which came first, the chicken or the egg? It's fun to ponder but we can look upon seeking God from a similar perspective. Which comes first, our seeking God or God seeking us? Based on God loving us first, it is reasonable to proclaim that God seeks us first. And our ability to seek God is itself a gift from God. The seeking "bases" are covered by Jesus coming to visit us with saving love that we ourselves could not come up with. Shall we say thank you to Jesus right now!

One way to describe hell would include not being open to God's constantly seeking us. We become cold or lukewarm to God and back away from seeking the Lord Jesus who seeks us into seeking him. Peter the apostle says it well: there is no one else to seek except you Lord Jesus for "you alone have the words of everlasting life." It is hell to fight God's constantly seeking us in Christ. This fight is known as sin. We need to repent of any cold or lukewarmness toward Christ and become piping hot with openness to God seeking us in Jesus. This is a daily discernment/decision, namely, to seek the God who seeks us first in Christ.

The chicken and the egg is a fun discussion but God's seeking initiates our ability to seek God. Let us give thanks to God for God's faithfulness in Christ and be more open to a "hot" faithfulness in seeking Christ.

In God's Constant Seeking,

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