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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The doctor walked so solemn into the hospital room. He explained to the anxious family of his unconscious patient, “All medical procedures have been employed and exhausted. There is no life left.”

Doctors offer excellent and compassionate service. But how difficult it must be for them to helplessly and hopelessly say: “There is no life left.” If only someone could grant life! Wouldn’t any doctor, any patient and their family give anything and everything for life? Like doctors, pastors must approach the death-bed of members as God takes his own home to heaven. Though difficult, what a privilege and blessing it is for them to impart the triumphant message: *“He who has the Son has life.”* 1 John 5:12

Death proves that ultimately there is no life anywhere else in this world of sin. But God sent his own Son to live our life perfectly for us, granting us the eternal robe of his righteousness. Jesus died our death for us on the cross and rose from the dead, triumphant over sin, death, and hell. Only in Jesus is there life, for *“he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.”* I John 5:12. In God’s Son, Jesus, there is life with God.

Trusting in God’s Son as your Savior, this life is yours, already now, and forever. You have it. Treasure it! Live it! In Christ you share the grand privilege of encouraging other believers with the life we have in God’s Son, and in reaching out to others who do not yet know and have life, eternal life through Jesus.

God bless you this day and forever as you truly live in the Son of God!

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, thank you for winning and giving me life. Help me to live that life and encourage others in that life today and always. Amen.*

(WELS E-Devotion, adapted)

...See you in worship.

Keep looking up because the Lord is always looking down – Psalm 121

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