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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you ever tried to figure our God? Don't. It'll blow your mind. One God yet three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is that immense.

But God doesn't expect you or even want you to figure him out. He just wants you to know who he is. And when you know who he is, he wants you to tell others so that they know who God is too. God is that important.

It starts with the Holy Spirit whom Jesus sends from the Father. Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the Counselor and the Spirit of truth, which is really appropriate because otherwise none of us would know the truth of God, especially of Jesus. *When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning. John 15:26-27*

Without the Holy Spirit, we'd only know the guilt and shame we carry because of our sin. And we'd only know that, as hard as we try, there's nothing we can do to take our guilt and shame away. We can never do enough for a holy God. That's the greatest frustration and predicament in life.

But it is enough when a holy God sends his only Son from heaven and that Son becomes one of us. It is enough when that Son lives the holy life God expects us to live because we have failed so miserably living it. It is enough when that Son sacrifices himself on a cross as payment and punishment for our sin. It is enough when God

exchanges his Son's holy life for our sinful life, giving his holy life to us and dumping our sinful life on him. It is enough when God accepts this exchange and raises his Son from the dead as proof.

This is the true God who goes to such lengths to save mankind. And that's what the Holy Spirit makes clear to you.

Now comes your witness to others. They need to know what you know. God is that important.

Prayer: *Dear God, thank you for revealing to me the truth of who you are. Thank you for being my Savior. May others know the same. In Jesus' name. 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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