

The Mystery of the Holy Trinity is the Mystery of the Goodness of God

This Sunday the Church of Christ in the West celebrates the mystery of the Holy Trinity, and rightfully so. even though this truth. How it can be that the one and only true God is Father and Son and Holy Spirit is never comprehensibly and systemically explained in Holy Scripture; but then, which teachings of Holy Scripture are? When one pieces together what the statements Holy Scripture makes, though, about the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and how they relate to each other, what emerges is the enigma that the Father is God, and the Son, and the Spirit, and yet there is but one God, not three; that the Son is born of the Father from eternity, and the Spirit is the Spirit of the Father, and His very own life and breath and self, and of the Son, and yet the Spirit is Himself God, and a divine Person in His own right. Still, however clearly Holy Scripture teaches this mystery, too seek to work it out would only leave us with a headache.

Clearly, Holy Scripture is not given to the Church of Christ in order for us to satisfy our curiosity, let alone fully comprehend the mysteries of God, but rather in order for us to know God and worship His goodness.

And the goodness of God is exactly what Holy Scripture sets before us with its teaching of the Holy Trinity. God "did not spare His own Son," as the holy Apostle Paul writes it, "but gave Him up for us all." He who was given up to suffer for us sinners, for our salvation, and gave Himself up, is God Himself. Indeed, God has given all for our salvation. And that is one precious truth to celebrate.

And the Holy Spirit, whom God gives to His Christians is not merely a power, rather, He is God Himself. With Him the fullness of God lives and works in us. As our Lord Jesus has said it: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my Word; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." With the Holy Spirit living in us, who is Himself God, the Father lives with us and within us as well, and the Son our Saviour, whose Spirit the Spirit is; the fullness of God lives in His Christians, and within us!

The mystery Holy Scripture sets before us with its teaching of the Trinity is a precious one. It is not set before us in order for us to arrange headaches for ourselves; rather, it presents to us the goodness of God and the glory of our salvation, for us to celebrate and worship, in awe and amazement.

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