Hello Gobin Family!

Today on our Christmas Feast calendar we remember two of the most important Church Fathers (and two of my personal favorites) St Gregory of Nazianzen and St Basil.

These Church Fathers shared soaring visions of the Love of God and God's ability to restore all things through Christ. These Fathers spoke when theologians were poets, not lawyers.

"Jesus rises from the waters, the entire world rises with Him. The heavens, like Paradise with its flaming sword closed by Adam, are rent open!" - St Gregory

The beauty of the Gospel these early Christians fought for is astounding!

St. Gregory, when arguing for the universal Love of God to all of Creation said this, "Whatever Christ assumes, Christ heals." For this cause Christ assumed our whole human condition to stand in solidarity with us, on behalf of our wholeness.

What an incredible Gospel!

I encourage you to consider that God takes on our suffering, bears it, and moves through it to resurrection.

Many of us were raised ONLY with the view of an all powerful God. But we must recognize that God's power is most often demonstrated NOT by explosions and interventions. Rather, through God pouring God-self out us.

This is the power Christ showed, "Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness, and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:5-8)

This is what we remember as we move into the closing days of our Christmas Feast. A God, who became vulnerable as a little baby, into order to assume our humanity.

God comes to us this same way today, and every day.

Complete and total Given-ness is the permeant posture of God.

I would suggest that any Deep Love requires deep vulnerability. With this in mind, is there any Love greater that God?

Hallelujah!

Grace and Peace,
Joel Everson