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Trinity Sunday, May 30, is one of the few **feasts** in the Christian calendar that celebrates a **doctrine** rather than an **event**.

The **belief** in a Trinitarian God is a **central doctrine** of Christianity. It is **important** because it helps **us** to understand the **complex** nature of a **God** who we encounter in **different** forms:

- God the Father: revealed by the <u>Old Testament</u> to be Creator, Lord, Father and Judge.
- God the Son: who lived on earth as a human being.
- God the Holy Spirit: who fills us with new life and power.

As we gaze upon the Holy Trinity, we see that God is love. The Father loves the Son who loves the Father, and from this love the Holy Spirit flows forth. The deepest meaning of the Holy Trinity is infinite love continually flowing between three Persons.

It is this **trinitarian** God who **lives** in each of us. I find it **awesome** to believe that God, who created the **whole universe**, wants to live in **little** old me, and you. Yes, He has taken up **permanent residence** within us.

Be still and listen to Him saying, "In you, I live and move and have my being." Then respond, "In YOU, I live and move and have my being."

On a blog, I found an interesting reflection on God's residence within. I share a few thoughts with you.

If God's residence is **within** us, then He doesn't need to **call** ahead to let us know He's coming. He's got the key and knows the code to turn off the alarm system! He created this home in us, but **we** get to make the rules for it. We **choose** what rooms He's allowed to come into. But, have we kept some rooms in our hearts locked? Of course, God already **knows** what's behind the **closed** doors, areas of our lives that we're **not** ready to examine closely with Him **at this point in time**. But, being a loving, respectful God, He waits until we're ready, then we go in together. However, there are times when He **prods** us a bit, suggesting that **now** would be a **good time** for us to go into the **formerly off -limits** areas. And, when we do, He sits down with us and we have a heart-to-heart talk.

Let us celebrate this feast with a grateful heart for the trinitarian God who lives in each of us.