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***Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand
and marked off the heavens with a span,
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure
and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?
Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD,
or what man shows him his counsel?***

Isaiah 40:12-13

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One day, St. Augustine, a leader in the early church, was walking along the seashore pondering God's nature when he noticed a small boy playing in the sand. The child had scooped a hole in the sand with a seashell. He then ran down to the water's edge and dipped his shell full of seawater and immediately ran back and dumped the water in the hole he had dug. Of course, the water just leaked through the sand. When Augustine asked the boy what he was doing, he confidently replied, "I am pouring the sea into my hole."

"Ah," Augustine later reflected, "that is what I have been trying to do. Standing at the ocean of infinity, I have attempted to grasp it with my finite mind."

God's infinity means that He has no limits, boundaries, or end. God cannot be compared to any finite standard. Everything within our world is finite; even the universe, as vast as it is, has a limit. God alone is infinite and His infinite nature relates to all of His attributes, including his mercy, forgiveness, and love. This is good news indeed for us: no matter how many sins we have committed, God can and does forgive them all through Jesus Christ. Our Lord Jesus came into this finite world to die on a cross to save us and rose again from the dead that we might have infinite, eternal life through faith in Him. What joy is ours in knowing that we poor, sinful, finite beings are connected to and loved by an infinite God!

May God grant you and yours a blessed summer.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Skelton

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