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*In The Spirit of Evangelism, We Teach Prisoners-Students Seeking the Lord*

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## PRAYER LIFE WITH HE WHO HOLD US PRECIOUS THE DIVINE ONE – SUPREME IN HIS BEING – JESUS OUR CHRIST

Any ideology or thought or ambition of man, about power and might, will fail again and again, if ones turns away from our Father, Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word.

Seeing Jesus only as God and not our Christ, is a first turning from Him. Not knowing Him to be: I Am the I Am, friend of Moses, is another. Knowing Him not as the Word from in the beginning, Who became Incarnate and then named Jesus – the Deliverer - is often key to why people turn away from Him, in blind ignorance and not knowing Him.

If they see Jesus as Almighty in power, rejecting Him to be about His Spirit of Life, Light, and Resurrection, are we not, more and more, relying on the tree of good and evil - its voice, wisdom, and way. Let us instead, live in constant remembrance of Jesus and His being our Tree of eternal Life and the Anointed Son of His eternal Unbeotten Father - the Christ.

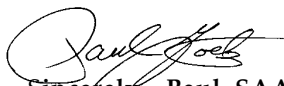
My guess is most of man's confusions find themselves in various ways within every sides of nearly every issue and concern. Thus, in faith, hope, trust, and love, let us seek His Voice, Wisdom, and Way, as our first priority. Let us turn to Jesus as our Father, to be the One to follow, imitate, and one day emulate. For He is our Father, the very Spirit of Grace and Truth in and of all things.

From Jesus and Him alone - because He is our Christ, may we be gifted His eternal Peace and granted the discernment to judge behavior - ours and others - in humility, while not judging the person unworthy, including ourselves.

In this, may we be washed, cleansed, and healed so we may be born anew unto you, Jesus, as our One Father – You and Your divine Wisdom. And through You alone, to Your eternal and Unbegotten Father. For You are His Only-begotten Son and One true Man.

Forgive us Father, for we know not of you as we should, nor do we yet grasp the boundless compassion of your great forgiveness. Nor have we matured in our faith in Your love for us, though you, as our One Father and Creator of all, call us to this, we Your children of Light.

In the bountiful fruits of His Tree of Life.

  
Sincerely - Paul, SAAOT

As His Nativity approaches,  
Please Remember the Academy.  
Your special gift is most needed by  
prisoners who need a Father – Our Father.