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PRAYER LIFE WITH HE WHO HOLD US PRECIOUS – THE DIVINE ONE – HE WHO IS SUPREME IN HIS BEING

As we enter September, we are reminded of the important role the Academy plays in teaching, educating, and answering questions for our prisoner-students. The shared goal is to better know Jesus, as both the Creator of all and our Father, by generation. For in this, is the opportunity to growing in knowing Him, as we mature in our faith in His profound love for us. And being safe and secure in our relationship with Jesus – the Anointed Son of His Unbegotten Father – we can begin to prune away the foolish wisdom and ways of cultural customs and traditions of man. Such is key to a favorite courses of our prisoner-students: PRAYER LIFE, discussed both relationally, as well as theologically.

With this in mind, our booklets for the coming months will bring this course to you, as an invitation to see beyond words; to dig deeper into the role, depth, and purpose of prayer. This invitation includes working together - with you - in writing, by phone, or even webcam.

Let the good spirit of St. Peter be a shining light upon His Word, Wisdom, and Incarnation.

1 Peter 2: 1-9

1 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice, all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. 2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk (of the Lord), so by it, you may grow unto salvation, 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. 4 Come to Him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in His sight, and 5 like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house – to be a holy priesthood – to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to His Father, through Jesus Christ.

6 For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone, chosen and precious; and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame."

7 To you then who believe, He is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone," 8 "a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the Word, as they were so anointed. 9 But you, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own people, may proclaim the mighty acts of Him Who called you out of darkness, into his marvelous light.

Sincerely –


Paul, SAAOT

We will be traveling to the Midwest in September. Time with Mom is important, so please be patient in our responding to you. Thank you.