



...a prayer letter from John and Jackie



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Dear friends,  
Greetings again in the name of Jesus!

I (John) arrived safely in Krivoy Rog about ten days ago, and we want to thank you for supporting us in prayer and in finances. I left home while in a difficult place financially, not for the trip, but for our home base. I wrote an urgent email note as I left home to those of you who are on our e-mail list. Thanks to a special gift from our home church and gifts from others of you since I arrived here, February expenses were met! Praise the Lord!

**Living in the presence of the Lord...**

This is called "coming to the throne of grace" in Hebrews 14:16; in Hebrews 10:19 it is referred to as "entering the Holy Place". In Psalms 91, the same way of life is called "dwelling in the secret place of the Most High". In Psalms 61, it is called living "under the shelter of His wings". Jesus said it is to "abide in Him". Paul wrote that it is to "walk in the Spirit". All these point to one way of life: *Living in His presence*.

This is the most magnificent result of the finished work of Christ on the cross. When he hung there and His blood ran down into the ground, many important things happened for you: He broke the power of sin, so that you not only are forgiven (1 John 1:7), but so that you also can live a life free from sin (Romans 6). He broke the power of sickness (Is. 53:5) so that you can be healed and live a healthy life. He broke the power of Satan (Heb. 2:14) and all demons, so that you can be free of torment and have inward peace and joy. He broke the power of the curse (Gal. 3:13) so that you can experience the blessing of Abraham -- which is to be blessed in every way. (Genesis 24:1) Now remember this: you may be partially experiencing these blessings, but your salvation calls you to "higher ground" than where you have been living. God's word and the power of salvation pull you upward to Himself, to live on the higher ground of His great promises.

The greatest of all that the blood of Jesus has done for you is to restore your fellowship with your heavenly Father. This is the best thing that can ever happen to you -- to know the Lord, and live in His presence. This privilege was purchased for you by His blood.

It is the presence of the Lord that is the ultimate solution to everything. It is in His presence that you will come to experience more of all that has been provided through the death and resurrection of Christ. More freedom from sin and sickness, more freedom from torment and depression, more fruitfulness and blessing in your life -- so much so, that you become a blessing to others. That was the promise made to Abraham: "I will bless you....and you will BE A BLESSING." This is the great hope of Hebrews 6, called there "the anchor of the soul" which enters "within the veil" where Jesus has gone ahead of you -- with His own blood opening your way to the Father.

You have not yet seen all that God will do in your life. The best is yet ahead. "He who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil 1:6). If God has done something in your life, He for certain will do more. And more. And more. Until He has completed His work in you!

Don't you give up, or resign yourself to spiritual mediocrity. Lift up your head and rejoice, and keep your eyes fixed on the grace and mercy and goodness of God which will follow you all the days of your life! (Ps. 23)

I am teaching the school of the Blood Covenant in several locations of Ukraine where there are Churches of Praise. Please pray for me to keep refreshed in spirit, mind and body. And remember to pray for Jackie at home in Minnesota. (I'll be home March 17)

It is a great honor to lay this foundation of the Christian faith in the lives of believers, new and old. All seem to receive it with such appreciation and enthusiasm that it gives me more pleasure than anything else in the world (except that Jackie is not with me.)

Thank you for your love and support of us and the ministry,

**John and Jackie**

by Ukrainian artist Oleg Boyko

