



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

We have access to God through Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:18). Jesus is our peace, our holiness, our Advocate and our righteousness in the presence of God on our behalf. It's nothing within us and all with Him!

During the Civil War, a man was sitting on a park bench in Washington, D.C., weeping tears with little relief. The information had come to him that his son had deserted his post in battle and was to be shot by a firing squad. This father had made his way to Washington hoping to speak face to face with the President, appealing that the President would intervene. As the man sat, he felt hopeless within because the man couldn't get past the front gate to the White House. In each attempt to find a way in, he was denied access and there he sat with a broken heart knowing his son's impending death.

Up came a little boy and he took notice of the man's tears and went over to him. The little boy asked him if he was alright. The man was barely able to speak but told the little boy about his son. The boy reached out and took the man by the hand and said, "*Come on, follow me!*" They walked up to the front gate and the little boy said to the guard, "*It's okay, he's with me!*" The gate opened and they marched right up to the door of the White House, opened it and walked right in. The little boy knew exactly where the President was meeting with some cabinet members and generals. The little boy walked into the meeting, walked over to the President and jumped up on his lap. The room went silent. The boy said, "*Daddy, I want you to meet a man. He really needs your help.*" This little boy motioned with his hand for the man to come in and the man related his story to the President and those listening. After hearing the plight of the man, Abraham Lincoln took out his pen and signed a document handing it to the man. Written in bold letters, it said: "**Presidential pardon. Signed, Abraham Lincoln, President of the U.S.**" The man's son was pardoned! His tears of sadness were tears of great joy. As the man was leaving, he turned to the President and asked, "*Why did you do this for me?*" Mr. Lincoln replied, "*I did it because of MY son, who took an interest in your situation!*"

"For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly." (Romans 5:6) "Yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach." (Colossians 1:22) "For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." (Hebrews 9:24) "Therefore He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them." (Hebrews 7:25) Think about it!!!

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