

Access to God

Introduction: We are considering in our sessions together the characteristics of a Christian. The four of them that we will consider will be found in Romans the fifth chapter and the first three verses. The first one that we considered last night was that the Christian has ~~the~~ Peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The second one is found in verse two: By whom also we are having access by faith into this grace wherein we stand.

- 1. This tells us that the second characteristic is that a Christian has access to God.
- 2. By whom refers of course to Jesus Christ. It is through Jesus Christ that we have Peace and it is through Jesus Christ that we have access to God.
- 3. 1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one ~~mediator~~ God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.
- 4. What does the word access mean? Act or privilege of coming into.
- 5. Ill. of going home.
- 6. Because I am related to His Son I have access into His presence. Peace precedes access, for as I am related to His Son I have Peace and I also have the privilege of access into His presence.
- 7. Ill of the two high schools in Wenatchee. - Camp Forward
- 8. Ill. of wanting to see President ~~Johnson~~ Nixon to make a request.
- 9. Because a relationship has been established with God's Son and Peace has been made we now have access.
- 10. How is it that we can have access?

Two Reasons

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- A. Because the veil was rent.
 - 1. In the O.T. Tabernacle the priest was forbidden to go into the holy of holies. Only the High Priest could go in and this was once a year. How the nation trembled on that day of atonement to see whether God was going to accept the blood of the High Priest for his sins and the sins of the nation as it was sprinkled upon the mercy seat.
 - 2. The priest was in the temple making the afternoon sacrifice when Christ died of Calvary's cross that afternoon. It was just as if the hand of God reached down and ripped that tremendous veil from top to bottom, saying to the world in the act that now, you can come into my presence by a new and living way
 - 3. Hebrews 10: 19-20 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say His flesh.
 - 4. The body of Jesus Christ was broken and the veil rent in two and all so you could have Peace with God and access into His presence.

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- B. Because the separation has been spanned.
 - 1. The Spanless Chasm of sin has been spanned. Sin has been removed paid for in the blood of His Son.
 - 2. It is summed up in the words of the hymnwriter: Oh the love that drew salvation's plan, Oh the grace that brought it down to man Oh the mighty gulf that God did span at calvary.

- 3. It is foundational that first we have peace with God by accepting His provision in Jesus Christ and then we have access.

- 4. III. of the early Pioneers.

Conclusion:

1. Have you the peace of God this morning so that you do have access into His presence?
2. I know the world's cheap substitutes for peace are found in a bottle and a pak.
3. How long are you going to wait?

- Christian do you have access this morning?

- 1. Are you experiencing answered prayer?
- 2. Has your access been used? a. John 16:24. b. To you God is sort of a big daddy that you say give me to or Lord I am in trouble beyond my ability help me. give me and help me.
- 3. Like praying to the ceiling. 1John 1:9 What's Jesus Telephone Number?

Two characteristics of the Christian: 1. He has Peace with God and Access to God and both of these are through Jesus Christ.

C.B. Radio -

- 1 - Limited Range
- 2 - Only works when someone listens.
- 3 - Have to break.

1 - Call unto me + I will answer

2 - I will never leave thee

He that keeps will never slumber or sleep.

3 - Casting all your care
Be anxious for nothing.