

## **I. Introduction**

A. One of the greatest amazements of the Christian life is that we have access to the throne of God.

1. Consider the wonder: as human beings, finite, frail, prone to weakness and wandering, we have been given freedom to enter the throne room of God without exception, any time we desire.

2. This is not a figurative position; this is a literal position. It's not figurative access; it's literal access. When we come to God, by the blood of Jesus, in the name of Jesus, spiritually we are standing before Him.

B. Even greater than the access to the throne room, we actually have access to the Father. Angels have access to the throne, but we have access to Him. We have been welcomed to come and dialogue, to commune, with God!

C. I'm operating on the premise that most of us don't fully understand the access that we have been granted and even if we do understand it we don't utilize it.

## **II. Access to the Father**

**Ephesians 2:18** For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

A. Access to the Father, through Jesus, by the Holy Spirit.

1. This is perfect Trinitarian theology, in Christ by the Spirit we come to the Father. When we come to the Father, we are standing in Christ, under His blood.

2. The entrance and transport is worked by the power of the Holy Spirit.

B. We don't just have access to the environment; we have access to the Person.

1. The Father wanted all of His children to have continual access to Him.

2. Access to His heart, His thoughts, His perspective, His will, His counsel, His character, His nature, His power

### **III. Confidence to approach**

**Hebrews 10:19-22** Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

**Hebrews 4:16** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- A. “Therefore let us draw near with confidence” (NASB)
- B. The terms of our access have absolutely nothing to do with us...Jesus. The confidence comes because we aren't looking to our own virtue to make a way for us... but the efficacy of the blood of Christ as a perfect sacrifice and offering to make the way for us.

### **IV. Seeking and Setting**

**Ephesians 2:6-7** and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

**Colossians 3:1-2** If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

- A. We are raised up and seated in heavenly places in Christ
- B. So that God can show us the surpassing riches of His grace and kindness
- C. We are now to seek the things above (pursuing)
- D. Set our minds on things above (perceiving)