

Eight Blessings of Salvation. Sermon 2

Romans 5:1 - 5 *"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: (2) By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. (3) And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; (4) And patience, experience; and experience, hope: (5) And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."*

Last Sunday we looked at our first blessing of salvation and it was, "we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Peace with God is only possible through Jesus Christ, salvation is a must. Remember Jesus said, "And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible." **Mark 10:27** God has made it possible for some people to have God's blessings even if it is impossible by nature. But God's blessings are only possible in and thru Jesus Christ who gives us the ability to do all things. Paul wrote, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13

Now let us look at our second blessing.

- A. It is called "Access", "By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand..." V. 2
1. The words, "By whom" Again means in and thru Jesus Christ, because a lost person has zero access to God.
 2. The word "access" means – Admission by Strongs but Vines defines it this way, -"a leading or bringing into the presence of" but vines continues to add these words, - "with which is associated the thought of freedom to enter through the assistance or favor of another...which we have by faith, through our Lord Jesus Christ, into grace"

3. We see this described in **Ephesians 3:11 - 12** *"According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: (12) In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him."*
- a. The word "boldness" means we have "freedom of speech," to speak to our Father because we are "in Christ".
 - b. We are not hiding from God unlike Adam hiding himself among the trees of the garden, or in the Tribulation Period where the lost calling on the mountains to fall on them, and the rocks to cover them from God's wrath.
 - c. Because in Jesus Christ we have freedom to stand before God without shame or fear. That is called "access with confidence" V. 12
 - d. This "*confidence*" to enter before God and being accepted before God's presence springs from our faith in him. And also by the Holy Spirit who is making intercessions for us. **Ephesians 2:18** *"For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father."* Listen to Elder Oscar Mink – former Pastor of our church now with the Lord. *"Reconciliation And Peace Being Accomplished By The Death Of Christ For His People, (Consisting Of Jews And Gentiles). The Benefits Of Christ's Atonement Being Reconciliation And Peace, And Inherent In These Are Every Benefit Purchased By Christ For His People. All Of These Benefits Were Given Into The Hands Of Holy Spirit In The Eternal Covenant Of Redemption, And It Is His Ministry To Apply The Benefits To Those For Whom They Were Purchased"*
 - e. Brother Mink went on to say, *"One Of The Wondrous Benefits Of Christ's Death Is "Access Unto The Father." Our Access Is To the "Father," It Is "Through Christ, And It Is "By One Spirit," The*

*Holy Spirit..."Access," As Used In the Text Speaks Of Unobstructed Entrance To The Presence Of God. "Both," Places Jews and Gentiles on the Same Level as To Approach to the Throne Room of God." - **Now I ask, isn't that a beautiful thought?***

B. So, we as Believers have access to God.

1. Not just access, but also freedom to talk to our Heavenly Father.

Hebrews 10:19 - 20 *"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest **by the blood of Jesus**, (20) By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;" There is no Veil between us and God, **Adam Clarke said**, "As the high priest lifted up or drew aside the veil that separated the holy from the most holy place, in order that he might have access to the Divine Majesty; and as the veil of the temple was rent from the top to the bottom at the crucifixion of Christ, to show that the way to the holiest was then laid open; so we must approach the throne through the mediation of Christ, and through his sacrificial death. His pierced side is the way to the holiest. Here the veil - his humanity, is rent, and the kingdom of heaven opened to all believers."*

2. Jesus said in **John 14:6** *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." - if one tries another way, they are considered a thief. **John 10:1** "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." - Stealing the glory from Jesus who earned that glory.*

3. This is a blessing from God thru Jesus Christ and just as other blessings, it is not by merits, but through Jesus Christ. **1 Peter**

3:18 *“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:”*