

...for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father (Eph 2:18; NAS).
...in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him (Eph 3:12; NAS).

The word I am focusing on in this article, as found in the two verses above, is "access." It is important to realize that because of what Jesus did at Calvary (dying for our sins), we can have access to God.

Access means passage, admittance, or entry. It is also defined as entrance or right of entry. It is this last synonym that is most important to me. When I am granted access I am granted the right of entry. What a tremendous blessing it is to have the right of entry, into the fellowship of God!

In the Eph. 2:18 text, the context is that both Jew and Gentile have access to God because of the work of Christ and the Holy Spirit. Both groups are guilty of sin and need the redemption that is found in Christ. Christians have the "right of entry" into God's wonderful storehouse of spiritual blessings.

The Eph. 3:12 passage says that the medium needed for this access is faith. Biblical faith is a steadfast trust conjoined with obedience. We place our trust in what Jesus did at Calvary to save us, and so much so that we strive to be obedient in doing everything He asks.

Talk about being privileged! We have been set apart from the world, and have the right of entry into the fellowship of God. Let us never take these blessings for granted.

See you Sunday!

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