

## I Am Acceptable to God

### Access to God:

Romans 5:1-2 - Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have *access by faith* into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

I already have peace with God. My access into His grace (the state of being in right standing with God, having favor with God) is by faith not earned by my good behavior.

I have access *by faith* into His grace, into His favor. I walk in His favor as I have faith in it. As I believe that He favors me and expect His favor every day, it is released to a higher lever into my life.

Romans 5:17 – For if by one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who *receive* abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one, Jesus Christ.

By my *acceptance* of God’s more than sufficient grace and His gift of righteousness I reign in life.

Thank God it is based not on my behavior but on my faith in Him. It is not something I *do* but something I *receive*, something I *accept*.

Ephesians 2:8-10 - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that *not of yourselves*; it is the *gift* of God, *not of works*, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:16, 18 - And that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to

death the enmity. For *through Him* we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Because God reconciled us through Christ, we have access to the Father. I AM ALWAYS WELCOME IN GOD’S PRESENCE!

Hebrews 4:15-16 –For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

I am invited to come boldly into His presence in every time of need and receive all the grace, mercy and favor that I need.

Hebrews 10:19-23 – Since we have confidence to enter the Holy place... (God’s very presence), let us draw near with a sincere heart in *full assurance* of faith.

James 4:8 – If I draw near to God, He will draw near to me.

### I am holy & blameless, acceptable in His sight

Ephesians 1:4 - God chose me for Himself. He actually picked me out for Himself as His own in Christ, and I am *holy and blameless* in His sight, even above reproach before Him in love.

Colossians 1:21-22 - And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you *holy and blameless and above reproach* in His sight.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 - Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

He has reconciled me to Himself. He brought me near and opened the way for me to draw near at any time.

James 1:5 - If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and *without reproach*, and it will be given to him.

When I ask for wisdom, he gives that without reproach too.

1 Corinthians 1:8-9 - Who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be *blameless* in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Thessalonians 3:13 - so that He may establish your hearts *blameless* in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

### **No condemnation:**

Romans 8:1 - There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

John 5:24 – I don't come into condemnation, for I have passed out of death into life.

1 John 3:21 – If our heart doesn't condemn us, we have confidence (boldness) before God. If all my sins have been confessed and my heart condemns me anyway, it is lying and must be brought into subjection to the truth!

Romans 8:29-34 - For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how

shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Isaiah 50:7-9 - For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore I will not be disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed. He is near who justifies me; who will contend with me? Let us stand together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near me. Surely the Lord GOD will help me; who is he who will condemn me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

### **He dealt with my sin completely because He wanted to:**

He so wanted me to be able to draw near to Him and enjoy daily fellowship with Him that He did what it took – at the price of His life and blood!

Hebrews 10:10 – By God's will I have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus once for all.

Hebrews 10:12 – Jesus offered one sacrifice for sins for all time...

Hebrews 10:14 – By this one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Hebrews 10:18 – Where remission is, there is no more offering for sins. Once a debt has been paid, no more payment can be made.

Hebrews 9:14 - By the blood of Christ who offered Himself as an unblemished sacrifice to God, my conscience is purified from dead works and lifeless observances to serve the living God. My conscience is cleansed from the deadness

of my former ways and I am fit for the service of the living God.

**My sins are gone because of what He has done:**

My sins are remitted by the shedding of His blood and He once for all the consummation of the ages appeared to put away and abolish sin by His sacrifice. And I having once been cleansed have no longer any guilt or consciousness of sin. By a single offering He has forever completely cleansed and perfected me who is consecrated and made holy. (Hebrews 9:22, 26; 10:2, 12, 14)

My sins are gone because I what He has done not because of what I do. My part is faith in what He has done. Salvation is by grace (He gave) through faith (I receive). Now if (when) I sin, I confess it, and He cleanses me from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Hebrews 9:12-14 – But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

V. 24-26 - For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another – He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the

world; but now, **once** at the end of the ages, He has appeared to *put away sin* by the sacrifice of Himself.

Hebrews 7:26-27 – For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this *He did **once** for all* when He offered up Himself.

Hebrews 10:12-14, 18 – But this Man, after He had offered **one sacrifice for sins forever**, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For *by **one offering*** He has perfected *forever* those who are being sanctified... Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin. Notice the two tenses in this passage: he *has* perfected forever those who *are being* sanctified.

Hebrews 1:2-3 - ...His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had *by Himself purged our sins*...He did it by Himself; He didn't need our help.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 – Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

John 3:16-18 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

I am not condemned – because I BELIEVE!

**Jesus has completely dealt forever with all my sin.**

**Past, present, future – all sin was dealt with.**

Sin has been dealt with completely, and full reconciliation has been made for me. It was God's good pleasure to reconcile me at the cost of His own life. How could I even think for a second that He holds my sins and faults against me now?

Romans 8:29-34 – Those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His son...And these whom He predestined, He also called, and these whom He called, He also justified, and these whom He justified, He also glorified...Who will bring a charge against God's elect? GOD IS THE ONE WHO JUSTIFIES; who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes rather, who was raised who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

Psalms 103:8, 11-12 -The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy... For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Micah 7:18-20 - Where is another God like you, who pardons the sins of the survivors among his people? You can-

not stay angry with your people forever, because you delight in showing mercy. Once again you will have compassion on us. You will trample our sins under your feet and throw them into the depths of the ocean! You will show us your faithfulness and unfailing love as you promised with an oath to our ancestors Abraham and Jacob long ago.

### Righteousness

Romans 3:20-26 - Therefore by the deeds of the law (trying to keep certain rules of behavior, even trying to do what a Christian should) no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. (The harder you try, the more your sin shows up.) But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through *faith* in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who *believe*.

For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified *freely* by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:20 – by the works of the law no flesh will be justified (made righteous).

Romans 3:21 – Apart from the law (totally separate), the righteousness of God has been manifested.

Romans 3:22 – The righteousness of God is through faith in Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:24 – being justified (made righteous) as a gift by His grace...

### Summarized:

1. Righteousness is not by good works.
2. It is totally separate from living up to a standard.
3. It is through faith in Jesus.
4. It is a gift of His grace.

Romans 3:23 – “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” is far from the subject of this passage. If you read it in context, it is there as a comparison, to emphasize that righteousness is free and undeserved, not earned by our actions or behavior.

God always emphasizes what *He did* not what *we do*. People have been taught to magnify sin so much that they can't see from a clear and accurate viewpoint, and they hesitate to draw near to God because they feel a little guilty all of the time.

Hebrews 10:1-2; Romans 8:1 – The Bible says the blood of Jesus purged our sins – they no longer exist - we must drive out all sin consciousness in Jesus name! Righteousness is the ability to stand in the presence of God without a sense of sin, guilt and condemnation.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 - Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Romans 5:16-19 - And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

I was made righteous by His obedience not mine. My part in all this is acceptance and faith. I humble myself before the Lord and accept what He did. I humble myself before Him and believe He actually did it for me – freely, because He wanted to. I humble myself before Him by realizing I can't do it – I still can't and never could – and trust in Him instead. This works for my present sins and shortcomings as well as my past. He offered ONE sacrifice for all time, forever, that covered every sin – past, present and future. When I accept this, I can live free from sin consciousness and in fellowship with God every day of my life for the rest of my life.

Then I am free to work out my salvation, knowing it is God who is all the while effectually at work in me creating in me the power and desire both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Now the life that I now live is no longer me living – it is Christ in me and through me. I live by faith in Him who loved me and gave Himself up for me.