The Incredible Benefits of Faith! – Part 2 Romans 5:1-3 September 6, 2020

"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 hope of the glory of God." (Romans 5:1-2; NKJ)

Benefit #2: Our present is_____, and we have _____!

"Through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace which we now stand." (v2)

"And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father." (Ephesians 2:17-18; NKJ)

"Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him." (Ephesians 3:11-12; NKJ)

(Esther 4:15-17; Esther 5:1-2)

"The word of the Lord came to me again, saying, 'Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, 'Thus says the Lord God: 'Because your heart is lifted up, and you say, 'I am a god, I sit in the seat of gods, ... You were in Eden, the garden of God; ... 'You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God;" (Ezekiel 12:1-2, 13, 14; NKJ)

"So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life." (Genesis 3:24; NKJ)

"And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life," (Revelation 22:1-2; NKJ)

"But He said, 'You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." (Exodus 33:20; NKJ)

A. Apart from Jesus Christ, we are ______ _____ from the ______ of God.

"And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last. Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom." (Mark 15:37-38; NKJ)

B. Jesus Christ has _____ down the _____ to God!

C. The practical meaning of access to God -

"Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 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." (Hebrews 4:14-16; NKJ)

"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit." (James 5:13-18; NKJ)

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7; NKJ)

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