

The Radical Cross – Part 8 “Access Granted”

As for me, God forbid that I should boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, my interest in all the attractive things of the world was killed long ago, and the world's interest in me is also long dead.
Galatians 6:14 (TLB)

• **Through the Cross we have full access to the Father.**

*By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. The light from the sun was gone. **And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle.** Then Jesus shouted, **“Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!”** And with those words he breathed his last.*
Luke 23:44-46 (NLT)

*And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and **yielded up His spirit. Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom;** and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,*
Matthew 27:50-51 (NKJV)

Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.
Mark 15:37-38 (NLT)

***So the Lord God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made. After sending them out, the Lord God stationed mighty cherubim to the east of the Garden of Eden.** And he placed a flaming sword that flashed back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.*
Genesis 3:23-24 (NLT)

“And you shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. It shall be made with cherubim skillfully worked into it.
Exodus 26:31 (ESV)

*He made the curtain of blue, purple and crimson yarn and fine linen, **with cherubim worked into it.***
2 Chronicles 3:14 (NIV)

*And you shall hang the veil from the clasps, and bring the ark of the testimony in there within the veil. **And the veil shall separate for you the Holy Place from the Most Holy.***
Exodus 26:33 (ESV)

*Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. **But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand.** There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet. **For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy.***
Hebrews 10:11-14 (NLT)

*Jesus said to him, “It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, **hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power,** and coming on the clouds of heaven.”*
Matthew 26:64 (NKJV)

*And so, dear brothers and sisters, **we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place.***
Hebrews 10:19-20 (NLT)

- **The first Adam faced the devil in the garden and failed. The 2nd Adam defeated the serpent on the tree (Cross)**
- **Jesus did not just make a way for us to enter into the presence of God, He is the way for us to enter into the Father's presence.**

And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house,
Hebrews 10:21 (NLT)

let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.
Hebrews 10:22-25 (NLT)

Because of what Jesus did we are encouraged to do three things and not to do one thing:

3 Things We Are To Do:

- **What? - Let us go in to God's presence.**
- **How? - With sincere hearts fully trusting Him.**
- **Why? - Because our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ' Blood and our bodies washed**
- **What? - Let us hold tightly to the hope we affirm.**
- **How? - Without wavering.**
- **Why? - Because God can be trusted to keep His promise.**
- **What? - Let us motivate one another.**
- **How? - By thinking of ways to motivate others.**
- **Why? - So we may practice acts of love and good works.**

1 Thing We Are Not To Do:

- **What? - Let us not neglect meeting together!**
- **How? - By encouraging one another.**
- **Why? - Because Jesus' return is drawing nearer.**