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God is our Father Pt 2 We have access to the Father by the Spirit

This is our second study on the topic – God is our Father. In our previous teaching we established four points –(1) we are born of the Spirit of God, (2) therefore we are children of God, (3) if children then heirs of God, and joint-heirs through Christ, and (4) because we are sons, we have the Spirit of His Son and cry Abba, Father. In this teaching we establish three points – (1) Jesus had access to His Father, (2) the disciples had access to the Father, and (3) Christians are made nigh to the Father by the blood of Christ.

Our three points established from the scriptures –

1. Jesus had access directly to His God and Father

“Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things” (Jn 8:28) – c.f.– Jn 20:17

2. The disciples had access to the Father

“But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly...After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name” (Matt.6: 6 & 9).

3. Christians are made nigh to the Father by the BLOOD of Christ

“Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh...That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ” (Eph.2: 11–13).

Illustration

Muslims do NOT have access to God the Father, because they reject His Son. Roman Catholics pray to Mary as Coredemptrix, and so do not access the Father, because – Jesus said “no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (Jn.14: 6).

Question to think about.

How does a person have access to the Father, according to the scriptures?

Answer from the scriptures

Jesus said – “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (Jn.14: 6).

However, it is NOT sufficient to simply say we believe in Jesus, or come to Jesus, or follow Him and therefore have access to the Father. But rather, something has happened since He walked the earth–

The cross, Christ’s resurrection from the dead, and the Holy Spirit was given!

Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus —“And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body **by the cross**...And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For **through him** we both have **access by one Spirit** unto the Father” (Eph.2: 16–18). And verse 15 says – “But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh **by the blood of Christ**” (Eph.2: 13).

Let us remember we have access to the Father, we can pray to the Father – NOT through Mary, nor Mohammed, nor any other name, but the name of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ and the blood He shed on the cross, and by one Holy Spirit. Amen!