

Part 1: Access Granted

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1. Within the heart of every person born is

a ______to have a relationship with God.

Ecclesiastes 2:10-11 MSG Everything I wanted I took—I never said no to myself. I gave in to every impulse, held back nothing. I sucked the marrow of pleasure out of every task—my reward to myself for a hard day's work! ¹¹ Then I took a good look at everything I'd done, looked at all the sweat and hard work. But when I looked, I saw nothing but smoke. Smoke and spitting into the wind. There was nothing to any of it. Nothing.

Jeremiah 1:5 I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb.

Psalm 139:13,15-16 You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁵ You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. ¹⁶ You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

- 2. The enemy's goal is to disqualify and ______.
 - When our relationship with God is based on ______ we will always come up short.
- 3. The blood of Jesus Christ _____ us and makes us right in God's sight to enter the holy of holies.

Romans 5:8-11 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. ⁹ And since <u>we have been made right in</u> <u>God's sight by the blood of Christ</u>, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation.

¹⁰ For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. ¹¹ So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

Hebrews 6:18-20 Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. ¹⁹ This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into

God's inner sanctuary. ²⁰ Jesus has already gone in there for us. He has become our eternal High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 7:27 Unlike those other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices every day. They did this for their own sins first and then for the sins of the people. But Jesus did this <u>once for all</u> when he offered himself as the sacrifice for the people's sins.

Colossians 1:13 For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, ¹⁴ who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.

Hebrews 9: 11-15 NLT So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world. ¹² With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves— he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and <u>secured our redemption</u> forever.

¹³ Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer could cleanse people's bodies from ceremonial impurity. ¹⁴ Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a <u>perfect sacrifice for our sins</u>.

¹⁵ That is why he is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them. For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant.

Hebrews 9:24-28 ²⁴ For Christ did not enter into a holy place made with human hands, which was only a copy of the true one in heaven. He entered into heaven itself to appear now before God <u>on our behalf</u>. ²⁵ And he did not enter heaven to offer himself again and again, like the high priest here on earth who enters the Most Holy Place year after year with the blood of an animal.

²⁶ If that had been necessary, Christ would have had to die again and again, ever since the world began. But now, once for all time, he has appeared at the end of the age to remove sin by his own death as a sacrifice.

²⁷ And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment,²⁸ so also Christ was offered <u>once for all time</u> as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.

Hebrews 10:10-12 NLT ¹⁰ For <u>God's will</u> was for us <u>to be made holy by the</u> <u>sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ</u>, once for all time. ¹¹ 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.

¹² But our High Priest offered himself to God <u>as a single sacrifice for sins, good</u> <u>for all time</u>. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand.

Hebrews 10:19-21 And so, dear brothers and sisters, <u>we can boldly enter</u> heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. ²⁰ By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way <u>through the curtain into the Most Holy Place.</u>

²¹ And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, ²² 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.

4. Our access to God is by _____ and not by our deeds.

Galatians 2:16 ¹⁶ Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law. And we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we might be made right with God because of our faith in Christ, <u>not</u> <u>because we have obeyed the law</u>. For no one will ever be made right with God by obeying the law."

Ephesians 3:12 NLT Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence.

Galatians 3:10-12 ¹⁰ But those who depend on the law to make them right with God are under his curse, for the Scriptures say, "Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the commands that are written in God's Book of the Law." ¹¹ So it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, <u>"It is through faith that a righteous person has life.</u>" ¹² This way of faith is very different from the way of law, which says, "It is through obeying the law that a person has life."

- 5. We must determine if we are going to live by a set of rules or a ______ with Christ.
 - Will we serve out of duty and obligation or _____ and adoration?
 - Will we serve as a slave who obeys because we ______ to? Or serve as a child who obeys out of love because we ______ to?

Galatians 2:19-21 ¹⁹ For when I tried to keep the law, it condemned me. So I died to the law—I stopped trying to meet all its requirements—so that I might live for God. ²⁰ My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but <u>Christ lives in me.</u> So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not treat the grace of God as meaningless. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die.