

## Access

There are two sides to every door – INSIDE and OUTSIDE.

As much as there are two sides to every door, there are also two ways of access through the doorway – LEGALLY and ILLEGALLY.

“By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God”, Romans 5:2.

When we were born, each of us was no more than a natural child of sin, and we remained that way until we were old enough to understand that sin was not an acceptable living standard, and we repented.

The word ‘access’ here would literally translate as acceptable to the Father through the action of the Son at Calvary. It is therefore a privilege that was granted to us because of the Son’s love towards us.

Repentance then became the legal key to the door of our Heavenly Family Home.

Let us consider now the writer of this Epistle – Saul – who was,

1. To have a change in his way of living,
2. A change of direction in his life,
3. And a change of names – Saul to Paul.

Not one reader of this notation will ever be any different to Saul, for repentance will bring a,

1. A change in his way of living,  
Saul, like many people today, believed in God. He also believed he was defending the Law. But things were about to change. He was on the road to Damascus. He could see each step as he took it, then suddenly, a strong bright light enveloped him, and he could not see where to put his feet. Saul was used to being heard. He was used to giving commands and seeing them obeyed. His life was turned about. He now had to listen. He now had to obey commands.
2. A change of direction in his life,  
His ego was about to be changed, he
  - a. Was required to repent,
  - b. He was led by those with him – he could no longer lead them,
  - c. He was led to a disciple. Not one of the leaders, but one of the workers.

A prayer was said. His eyes were opened. He was now able to see ‘spiritually’.

3. And a change of names – Saul to Paul.

Why not have a new name, for he was now a new person. Paul continues in this verse with the words, "...We rejoice in hope of the glory of God".

- a. We will never know the "...glory of God", unless we get a new name.
- b. We will never get a new name unless we have repented
- c. If we have not truly repented, we will never enter Heaven, for the legal way into Heaven is through Jesus, for Jesus clearly stated to His Disciples He was "...the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me", John 14:6.

The above relates to the Church Ages throughout history, by which we have to attempt on our part to obtain the Gift of access.

In the New Jerusalem, as found in Revelation 21:22–23, the Temple is not required, for the Promise there is FREE ACCESS to God.

It will be immediate access, for the redeemed of God will be the New Temple with their ongoing praises of God's Gift.

There will be no door to stop us from entering, for Satan, the arch rival of God will not be around to hinder immediate access to God's presence.

In the original tabernacle of Moses, three types of lighting were used,

- a. The sun and the moon for the Outer Court,
  - b. The lamp for the Sanctuary,
  - c. The Shekinah lit the Holy of Holies,
- thereby typifying the presence of the Lord "...As the light of the world", John 9:5.