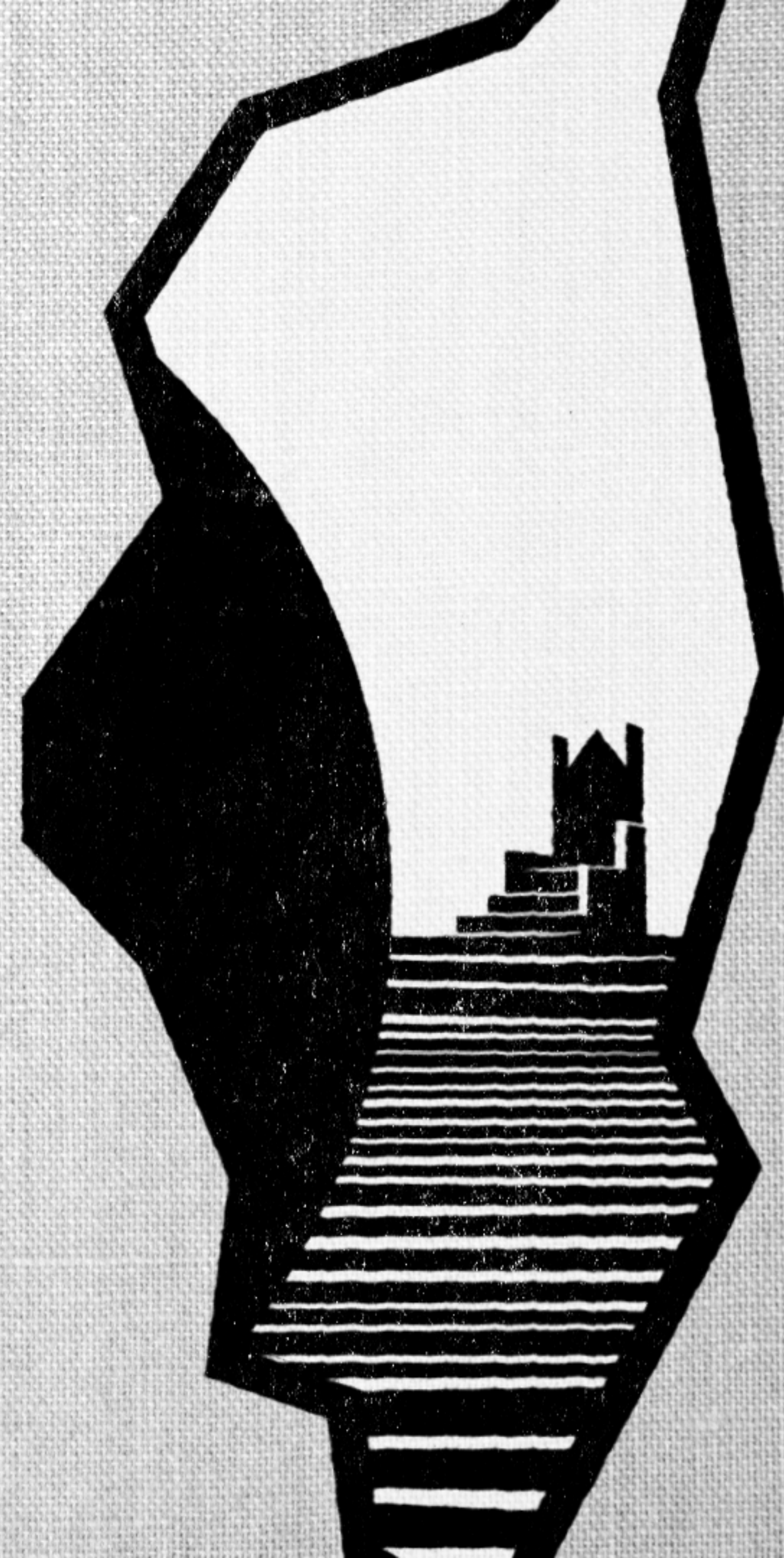


ACCESS

TO THE THRONE OF GRACE



**Access to God
changes our status.
We belong.**

¹ Therefore, since we have been **MADE righteous (JUSTIFIED)** through *HIS* faithfulness, we have **PEACE WITH OUR GOD** through Jesus Christ.

² **WE HAVE ACCESS** by *FAITH* into **THIS GRACE** in which we stand ***THROUGH HIM***, and we **BOAST (REJOICE)** in the hope of God's glory.

ROMANS 5:1-2

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¹ Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

MATTHEW 28:1-8

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³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek **Jesus who was crucified.**”

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⁶ **HE IS NOT HERE, FOR HE HAS RISEN**, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. ⁷ Then **go quickly and tell His disciples** that He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him.

MATTHEW 28:1-8

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See, I have told you.”⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples.

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The resurrection has given us free access because it has changed who had access to God.

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¹⁸ **We BOTH** (Jews and Gentiles) **HAVE ACCESS**
to the Father through **Christ** by the one Spirit. ¹⁹
So now you are **no longer strangers and aliens.**
Rather, you are **fellow citizens** with God's people,
and **YOU BELONG TO GOD'S HOUSEHOLD.**

EPH 2:18-22

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²⁰ As God's household, you are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with **Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone.**

EPH 2:18-22

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²¹ The whole building is joined together in Him,
and it grows up into a temple that is dedicated to
the Lord. ²² **Christ is building you into a PLACE
WHERE GOD LIVES THROUGH THE SPIRIT.**

EPH 2:18-22

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**— Where they could gain
access to God.**

**1. THE RESURRECTION HAS GIVEN US FREE ACCESS
BECAUSE IT HAS CHANGED WHO HAD ACCESS TO GOD.**

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**— What they had to do to
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Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you **believe in Him whom He has sent.**”

JOHN 6:29

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**Access to God through the
resurrection provides peace
& purpose.**

1. Peace

"Man cannot have peace with himself, nor be truly happy, unless he has peace with God."

THOMAS À KEMPIS

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¹⁷ If Christ hasn't been raised, then your **FAITH IS WORTHLESS** [useless, pointless, ineffective]; you are **STILL IN YOUR SINS**, ¹⁸ and what's more, **those who have died in Christ are gone forever.**

1 COR 15:17-21

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¹⁹ If we have a **hope in Christ only in this life**, then we deserve to be **pitied more than anyone else.** ²⁰ **BUT IN FACT CHRIST HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD.** He's the first crop of the harvest of those who have died.

1 COR 15:17-21

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**21 For as by a man came death, by a man has
come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as
in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall ALL BE
MADE ALIVE.**

1 COR 15:21-22


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"When I'm at war with myself, I find I'm always fighting with others. When I'm at peace with myself, I find that peace with others comes easily."

2. Purpose

Resurrection is not a consoling opium, soothing us with the promise of a better world in the hereafter. It is the energy for a rebirth of THIS life. The hope doesn't point to another world. It is focused on the redemption of this one.

JÜRGEN MOLTSMANN

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When they saw Him, they worshipped Him, **but some doubted.** ¹⁸ Jesus came near and spoke to them, “I’ve received all authority in heaven and on earth.

MATTHEW 28:17-20

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¹⁹ **Therefore, go and make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age.”

MATTHEW 28:17-20

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