

Continuing in the Word, "Christ is Our Access", Ephesians 2:17, 18

A lady who lost two sons in a car accident decided to pay tribute to her boys in a unique way. She had a tattoo put on the palm of her hand. It is of a broken heart, one son's name on one side of the heart, the other son's name on the other side. Over the top of the broken heart are the words "We will never forget you". Underneath the heart are the words, "Carved on the palm of my hand".

This mom will never forget her sons. Her heart is truly broken over the loss of her boys. As a memorial she has inscribed them on the palm of her hand. Yet the fact is that this grieving mother is more likely to forget her children than that Jesus Christ, your Savior, will ever forget you.

Isaiah 49:15, 16 says, "Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands."

The mark on His hands? Scars from the nails that held Him to the cross in His sacrificing of Himself for you. Isaiah 53:5 says, "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed."

The marks on His hands are eternal reminders of our healing by His wounds. He bought our peace with God with His own life. Therefore we have access to God, and this access, once gained through Christ, is never lost. John 10:29 tells us that no one can take us out of our Heavenly Father's hand. The nail scars in Christ's hands assure us of this fact.

Never doubt your Father's love for you. As His child, through the gracious gift of Jesus life, you are His and His eternally. Your access to Him is real, immediate, and lasting. We need not see His face with our eyes or hear His voice with our ears to know this is true. His infallible Word says it is true, and our Savior bears the marks forever that attest to the fact that God will not forget His own. Out of His love He bought our access with Jesus' sinless blood.

What can we do in return? Live in this access. What does that look like? 1 Corinthians 6:20 says, "For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." The life of access to God looks like the life of one who glorifies God with all that they are. We are His, therefore we acknowledge Him as our God by obedience in our spirits and in our bodies – in our attitudes, what we think, and in our inner affections, and in what we do and say.

This is walking with God. He never forgets you. Don't ever forget Him.

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