

# Scripture Consulting Essentials

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## Access and Prayer

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Ephesians 2:18:

For through him [Christ Jesus] we both [Israel and Gentiles] have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Through Christ Jesus, we who were formerly of Israel or of the Gentile nations have access to God, our Father, by the one spirit born within each of us. Under the law, the high priest had access to God in the holiest place only one day a year. Today, all born-again children of God have the right of access to Him at all times. What a privilege as children of God! Then we can know for certain that God, our Father, hears our prayers.

### **I John 5:14 and 15.**

Children of God have access to their Father, and whatever they ask according to His will, they can be confident that God hears them and will grant their requests.

### **Matthew 6:5-9.**

Jesus taught his disciples to pray to the Father even as he did on many occasions.

### **John 17:1-20.**

### **John 16:22-28.**

After God raised Jesus from the dead and he ascended to the right side of God, this promise became a reality. Whatever we ask the Father in the name of Jesus Christ, God will give it to us. Between God and His Son Jesus Christ, we are the beneficiaries of some great promises.

God gave Jesus Christ a name above every name so that by his name, every knee is to bow and every tongue is to confess him as lord. His name commands respect and authority. We have the right to use that name. We have the authority to ask anything in the name of Jesus Christ according to God's will, knowing that God, our Father, hears and answers our prayers.

Matthew 21:22:

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

### **Ephesians 5:20.**

NAS always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

NIV always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

NET always giving thanks to God the Father for each other in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

WT Give thanks always to the God and Father for all *people* in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **I Corinthians 14:2-4, 14-17.**

The person speaking in tongues is speaking to God as God gives him the words to speak. Speaking in tongues edifies the spirit.

Speaking in tongues is prayer in the spirit. It gives thanks to God. We can pray with our understanding, and we can also pray in the spirit by speaking in tongues.

Ephesians 6:18:

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

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### **Romans 8:26 and 27:**

We do not always know what we should pray for with our understanding, but we have another way to pray in our private prayer life. We can pray in the spirit by speaking in tongues, and the spirit makes intercession for other children of God. Since God gives the utterance when we speak in tongues, then the intercessory prayer for the saints would be perfect. Speaking in tongues in our private prayer life is essential for our spiritual growth, and it has powerful benefits in our prayer life.

### **Acts 4:18-33.**

### **Ephesians 3:14-21.**

Rather than looking at the problems that may surround us at times and rather than looking to our own mental or physical abilities or to some worldly source, we should keep our eyes focused on our heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. We have access to the Father by the spirit born within us. We can pray to Him with the understanding and with the spirit. We can confidently ask the Father in the name of Jesus Christ, knowing that He hears and answers our prayers and that He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think.