

SERMON TITLE: 7 THINGS WE HAVE IN CHRIST

Sermon Text: Various

Introduction: Saints of God have the confidence from His Word that we have obtained 7 benefits from our status of being in Christ.

As a Christian, I HAVE the following....

- 1. Access to the Father**
- 2. A Home in Heaven**
- 3. All Things in Christ**
- 4. A Living Hope**
- 5. An Anchor to My Soul**
- 6. Peace with God**
- 7. Bold Access to the Throne of Grace**

CONCLUSION

In our message today, we have examined the scriptures to uncover 7 things that we have In Christ. When our world encroaches upon our peace and sanity, we can encourage one another with the certainty of what we have In Christ, regardless of the circumstances. Rather than succumb to the daily challenges assaulting our faith, we can turn to the truths of who we are and what we have In Christ. Let us remember the 7 things we have in the Lord and be encouraged by His Word, for His Grace is sufficient, and His Word is true.

1. Access to the Father – Romans 5:2

Romans 5:2, ESV: "Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, we can come again and again into the presence of Almighty God to receive grace for every need!

This means that we do not need another way of access to God. Jesus is the only way (John 14:6). We do not need to pray to Mary or the saints or to go through a priest. Rather, we come directly to the Father in the name of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. That gains us access, anytime and anywhere.

2. A Home in Heaven waiting for Me: John 14:1-2

We do not need to have a good credit score or real estate agent. Jesus told his disciples the following good news.

John 14:1-3 ESV

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

3. All Things In Christ — Romans 8:32 & 1 Corinthians 3:21-23

Romans 8:32 NIV

³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

1 Corinthians 3:21-23 NIV

²¹ So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours, ²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas^[a] or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, ²³ and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

4. A Living Hope – 1 Peter 1:3

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

5. An Anchor to My Soul

Hebrews 6:19 AMP

This hope [this confident assurance] we have as an anchor of the soul [it cannot slip and it cannot break down under whatever pressure bears upon it]—a safe and steadfast hope that enters within the veil [of the heavenly temple, that most Holy Place in which the very presence of God dwells]

We need an anchor for our souls today, one that is firmly attached and secured on both ends. Our Soul on one end and Secure in God himself on the other end. We live in a time where some feel like they are drifting far from a sure foundation.

We cannot base our hope on any righteousness of our own. This hope is found in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who has entered into the inner sanctuary and ushers us **IN** with Him.

6. Peace with God - Romans 5:1

Romans 5:1 (AMP)

Therefore, since we have been justified [that is, acquitted of sin, declared blameless before God] by faith, [let us grasp the fact that] we have peace with God [and the joy of reconciliation with Him] through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed).

7. Bold Access to the Throne of Grace

Hebrews 10:19

¹⁹ Therefore, [a]believers, since we have confidence *and* full freedom to enter the Holy Place [the place where God dwells] by [means of] the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by this new and living way which He initiated *and* opened for us through the veil [as in the Holy of Holies], that is, through His flesh,

Matthew 27:50-51 when Jesus died, the veil was torn in two, from the top to the bottom. This represented the body of Jesus that was broken for our sins.

Hebrews 4:16 - NIV

¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

References:

Leviticus 16. Day of Atonement

Hebrews 3:1 Jesus our High Priest