

The Place Where We Can Draw Near

Introduction:

Since drawing near to God is such a great privilege, we shouldn't be surprised that we can only do so on God's terms. Those terms involve obeying the gospel of Christ which will put you in the one place where fellowship with God is possible, that is, in Christ. This will be our emphasis in this lesson.

Lesson:

I. The Importance of Being in Christ

Ephesians 1:3 (ESV)

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

II. The Way into Christ

Hear (Jn. 6:44-45), Believe (Jn. 8:24), Repent (Lk. 13:3), Confess (Matt. 10:32-33), and Be Baptized (Mk. 16:16)

III. What It Means to Be in Christ

Ephesians 1:22-23 (ESV)

22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

- The New Testament Church Started at a Specific Time & Place
- The New Testament Church Wears the Name of Christ
- The New Testament Church Is Not a Denomination

Conclusion:

Are you in Christ? We should all want to draw nearer to God. But there has to be a starting point. In Christ is that point. It is the only place that anyone can have fellowship with God and be what He wants them to be.