access granted

"for through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father." eph 2:18

have you ever watched a show where someone has to scan an object or a body part before they receive the approval... "access granted?"

fellow believers, we now have an all access pass into the very presence of God. in the old testament it was known as the most holy or the holy of holies. it could be entered only once a year and that which fear and trepidation by a selected one.

the thick, heavy veil that once separated it from us was rent in half by the blood of Jesus allowing access by any who would come. and yet, amazingly, so many do not appreciate that readily available access.

we are told to "come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." heb 4:16 this is our all-access approval into all the riches of God's kingdom. we still need to enter in with reverence and awe, with thankfulness and praise, but access is now available. "there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus." 1 tim 2:5 there's no one else we have to go through.

still, so many christians won't even make a casual visit into that holy place, and what a joy and blessing they are forsaking.

God teaches us a lesson in tithing. "give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. for with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." luke 6:38 the same is true with time spent in His presence. God will multiply it back to you many times over. that not even counting the added benefit of guidance, wisdom and knowledge you will benefit from His presence.

indeed, "your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'this is the way, walk in it,' whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left." isa 30:21

the one who frequents His presence soon finds it easier and quicker to enter in. our Lord walked continually in that Presence, always readily equipped for virtue to flow through Him to others. He is our standard bearer and our guide.

Lord, help us all to realize that we have now have access to all Your hidden riches through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. we may come boldly to the throne of grace to help all in times of their need. it's such a privilege and honor to be part of the family of God.