



## Accessing God

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Whether we like it or not the presidential race is on! Already accessibility has become an issue. Hillary Clinton has been criticized for not being available for questions outside of the controlled situations arranged by her campaign. Republican candidates will be challenged to be accessible to media as well. During debates questions are texted, tweeted or twittered to the mediators by "Joe Citizen" in an effort to give the "little guy" access to the candidates. Regardless of who is elected it seems very difficult if not impossible to access those representing us.

Thank God it's not like that with God! We can find access to God through Jesus Christ. He is the ONLY mediator between God and man – 1 Timothy 2:5-6 – For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, (6) who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

There is no other God but the God we read about in the Bible. The ONLY way to know what He is like is to read His word and look to Christ. John 14:8-10 – Philip said

to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." (9) Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? (10) Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

Looking to Jesus is the ONLY way to see God as well as the ONLY way to COME TO GOD. John 14:6-7 – Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (7) If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

When Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life..." He excludes all other ways people say they can access the one and only Father in heaven. Some people in their own wisdom find this statement from Jesus too exclusive and too narrow and therefore set it aside for their own personal belief. Jesus also said – Matthew 7:13-14 "Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. (14) For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

Thank God He's made Himself accessible to ALL who come to Him through faith in Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1-2 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (2) 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.

Access to God during our short time here as well as the opportunity to spend eternity with God is ONLY found in Jesus Christ. Acts 4:11-12 – This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. (12) And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”