

# L85 | Ephesians | "Boldness and Access with Confidence" | Eph. 3:8-13

## I. Intro/Review:

- The eternal purpose of God in Christ Jesus
  - Before the foundation of the world, worketh all things after the counsel of His own will, the gathering together of all in Christ

## II. Preview:

- Boldness and access
  - Similarities and differences
  - Boldness - its provision and possession
  - Access - its provision and use
- By the Faith of Him

## III. Sermon:

**In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.  
{Ephesians 3:12}**

- **"in whom"**
  - All that the Godhead seeks to do is done in, by, or through the Lord Jesus Christ
  - Eph. 1
  - Eph. 2
  - **"in whom"** - the fulness of the Godhead bodily; "the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus the Lord:"
- **"we have"** - present promise and possession
- **"boldness and access"**
  - **Doctrine to practice (must be applied doesn't apply itself)**
  - Boldness and access are not the same thing
  - **Similarities**
    1. Both access and boldness we have in Christ by the faith of Christ unto God
      - Access now is granted by the faith of Christ but used "by faith" - Rom. 5:2
    2. Both access and boldness is to affect our confidence before man, affect your thoughts about yourself in the face of the world.
  - **Differences**
    - Yet, boldness differs from access
    - Access is entering and approaching which may not have been had before
    - Boldness is entering and approaching with a measure of confidence, a freedom taken while entering.
      - Boldness based upon the knowledge of the one approaching and a likeness of the one you approach.

- **Contextually**
  1. **"principalities and powers in heavenly places"**
    - Cosmically
  2. **"the eternal purpose of God in Christ"** - "unsearchable riches of Christ" - "hid in God"
    - Substantially
  3. What God is doing and in the face of tribulations
    - Prayer
  4. You Gentiles far off have access - you alienated in your mind, dead to God - ACCESS
- **"access"** - the act of bringing to; approach; acceptable and God being favorably disposed to us
  - Usages (3x's)
    1. Rom. 5:2 - "by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."
      - Justification is our standing which gives us access
    2. Eph. 2:18 - "For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father."
      - Both Jew and Gentile - both have access
    3. Eph. 3:12 - "in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of Him."
      - Boldness - by the faith of Him
  - Mediator - one that interposes between parties at variance for the purpose of reconciling
    - 1 Tim. 2:5 - "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;"
      - Man - Enemy, alien, uncleanness, sin and death
      - God - Holy, righteousness and life
  - Example
    - Esther 4:11 (:16), 5:1-3, 8:1-6
      - "called", "boldness", "requests"
      - Relationship
    - In relation to man - enemy, alienate, enmity
    - In relation to Christ - the faith of Him, mediator, intercessor, forgiveness,

righteousness

- Only He can introduce you - accepted
- Heb. 1:8, 8:1, 12:2 - "throne"
- In relation to God - before Him, family, only looks at Christ
- In relation to the Spirit - excellency of the knowledge, the revelation of God, eternal purpose
  - Witnessed to manifest - hid to revealed
- There is a channel and way to God
  - Jn. 14:1-7
    - Heb. 7:26, 9:24 (2:7-9, 1:3)
  - Into heaven itself, right hand of God
    - Eph. 1:20 (2:5-6) - calleth those things that be not as though they were
    - "before Him"
- Jew and Gentile access by one Spirit - Spirit of the Lord - the new (Eph. 2)
  - We saw Israel did not have "access" unto God when the Gentiles were far off - Heb. 7:7-12, 23-24
  - Access taught to the Hebrews is taught through those things that purified the heavenly
    - Heb. 9:9 - "figure" - tabernacle - :11 - "a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, no of this building;"
      - Heb. 9:23 - "but the heavenly things themselves"
      - Heb. 9:24 - "into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:"
  - **"enter"** - outside and come in
    - Heb. 4:16 - "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."
    - Heb. 10:19 - "having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,"
  - **"draw near"** - Heb. 10:22
- We enter and access or draw near "by faith" (Rom. 5 - redemption of our soul) one day to enter "before Him" (Eph. 1:4 - day of redemption of our body)
  - In His sight, but not before Him
- Things "hid" - wisdom and revelation of Him
  - Heb. 9:8 - holy ghost witnessing ministry
  - 1 Cor. 2 - holy ghost revealing ministry
  - Eph. 1:17-18
  - Php. 3:3-11
  - Prize, reward
- **"boldness"** - freedom in speaking, unreservedness in speech; without ambiguity

(without the use of figures and comparisons)

- Eph. 1:6 - "...wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved."
  - Eph. 1:3 - "...that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love:"
  
- Mar. 8:32 - spake openly
- Jn 7:4 - known openly
  - v13 - spake openly
  - v26 - speaketh boldly
- Jn 10:24 - "tell us plainly"
- Jn 11:14 - "said...plainly"
- Col. 2:15 - "shew of them openly"
- Heb. 3:6 - "if we hold fast the confidence"
- Heb. 4:16 - "come boldly unto the throne of grace"
- Heb. 10:19 - "having therefore..boldness to enter into"
- Heb. 10:35 - "confidence, which hath great recompence of reward."
- 1 Jn 2:28 - "And now, little children, abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming."
  - Heb. 4:13
- 1 Jn. 4:17 - "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world."
  
- **"liberty"** - 2 Cor. 3:12, 17-18
  
- **"sincerity"** - Eph. 6:24 - "Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen."
  - Php. 1:15-17 - "Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: the one preach Christ of contention, not **sincerely**, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: but the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel."
  
- Freedom from all doubt of rejection
  
- **"confidence"** - trust, reliance
  - 2 Cor. 3:4 - "and such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:"
    - Php. 3:4-11
  
- **"by the faith of him"**
  - That determined in the counsel of God concerning redemption - the divine, heavenly service to ultimately fulfill the purpose of God
    - Acts 2:23
    - Heb. 2:17, 3:2 (10:21) - faithful high priest
    - To do the will of God - Heb. 10
    - Faithful high priest - Heb. 2:17
  
- Death, burial, resurrection, and ascension - mediator (intercessor)

**IV. Conclusion:**