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## ***Accessing the gifts – Through Access to the Giver***

### ***About God's gifts –***

- ❖ ***Everyone has gifts***
- ❖ ***All gifts have a Giver***
- ❖ ***We don't all get the same gifts***
- ❖ ***Gifts come with responsibilities***
- ❖ ***The gifted can have problems***
- ❖ ***God's gifts have a purpose***

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- ❖ ***The foundation of His gifts –***
- ❖ ***Jesus is the Chief Cornerstone***
- ❖ ***The other 3 pillars we build on are:***
- ❖ ***Love, Grace and Faith...***

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### ***Paul writes –***

- ❖ ***"Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts" I Cor. 14:1***

### ***He also wrote –***

- ❖ ***"Eagerly desire the greater gifts" I Cor. 12:31***

### ***And he instructed us –***

- ❖ ***"It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have." I Cor. 12:11***

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- ❖ ***So... we are supposed to want these gifts!***
- ❖ ***And God is the only One who gives them.***
- ❖ ***How do we become candidates to get them?***
- ❖ ***Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."***
- ❖ ***Jesus demonstrated every spiritual gift...***

❖ *And **He alone** grants us access to the Giver*

❖ *How does He do that?*

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❖ **Matthew 27:45-53**

❖ *What does that mean for us?*

❖ **Hebrews 9:6-15 & 23-28**

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So...

**Hebrews 10:19-25**

*We come to God our Father...*

❖ **Because** of Jesus

❖ **In** Jesus

❖ **Through** Jesus

*To represent God as Jesus did, with His gifts*

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❖ *What Christ has provided for us...*

❖ *Not even the high priests had*

❖ **Access to God is a spiritual gift**

❖ *The one we open to receive the others*

❖ *The **ultimate use** of God's gifts?*

❖ *To **Be** like Jesus...*

❖ *By using **His Gifts***