THE BOOKFOLIO

When Heaven Speaks, Heaven Agrees

SAGA 7 OF 7 — THE DOORWAY

EPHESIANS 2:18

All Scripture is from the King James Version. The words of Jesus are printed in red.

This excerpt: the Saga Book (student) pages for Saga 7, followed by the Teacher's Master notes for Saga 7.

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The Scene, Told Plainly

This is the last saga, and it shows us where everything in this book has been leading. The Father testified of the Son. The Son revealed the Father. The Spirit glorifies the Son. Now the Apostle Paul, writing to the church, tells us how people like us actually come to God.

Paul is writing about two groups of people who had been kept far apart: the Jews and the Gentiles. They did not eat together. They did not worship together. Between them stood a wall. But Paul says Christ has brought both near, and now — listen to the word — *we both* have access. Both. The same door is open to both.

And Paul tells us how the doorway works, all in one short verse. *Through him* — through Jesus, the Son. Nobody comes around Him, and nobody needs to. He is the way in. *By one Spirit* — by the one Holy Spirit, the same Spirit who came upon Jesus at His baptism, the same Spirit Jesus promised to send, the same Spirit who glorifies the Son. And *unto the Father* — that is where the doorway leads. Not to a feeling. Not to a building. Unto the Father Himself.

Access means a way in — being brought near, being allowed to come close. Once, people stood far off. Now, through the Son and by the Spirit, they have a way in to the Father. That is not a small thing. That is the whole journey of this book landing in one line: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, together, opening the way for worshipers to come home.

And this is the bridge back to where true worship begins. Jesus said the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth. Ephesians 2:18 shows us the doorway that brings those worshipers in: through the Son, by one Spirit, unto the Father. The worship the Father seeks, and the way in to give it, are held together by the same three Persons.

Stop and see all three, all in one verse, all in one doorway. The Father is the One we come unto. The Son is the One we come through. And the Spirit is the One we come by. Three Persons. One access. One open door.

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The Scripture — Word for Word

> "For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father." — EPHESIANS 2:18
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> "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him." — JOHN 4:23
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> "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." — JOHN 4:24

The words of Ephesians 2:18 are the Apostle Paul's teaching, written to the church — they are not printed in red, because in this verse neither Jesus nor the Father is speaking out loud. The words of John 4:23-24 are the words of Jesus, printed in red. Read them all slowly, out loud if you can. This is the doorway, and it is open.

Who Is Speaking

The Father — He does not speak in these verses; He is the

One unto whom we have access — the doorway leads to Him, and He seeketh true worshippers to worship Him.

The Son — He is Jesus; in Ephesians 2:18 He does not speak, but He is the "him" through whom we both have access, and in John 4 He speaks the words printed in red.

The Holy Spirit — He does not speak in these verses; He is the one Spirit by whom we have access unto the Father.

One Thing to Think About

ONE THING TO THINK ABOUT — Paul said we have access unto the Father through the Son and by one Spirit — all three Persons together in one doorway. Why do you think God made the way in like this — through Jesus, by the Spirit, unto the Father — and what does it show you about how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit agree together?

Journal

Write it in your own words. You have a way in: through the Son, by the Spirit, unto the Father. What part of this doorway means the most to you today — that Jesus is the way through, that the one Spirit brings you, or that the Father Himself is where the door leads? Write it down plain.

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The Doorway — Teacher's Notes

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Church, I want you to notice where this whole book lands. We have followed the Father testifying of the Son, the Son revealing the Father, and the Spirit glorifying the Son — and now Paul brings it all down to one doorway that stands open for people like us. I want to show you something — in one verse of Ephesians, the way in to God is through the Son, by the Spirit, unto the Father. All three. One verse. One open door. That is Heaven agreeing, and that is how worshipers come.

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The Answer to the Student Question

The students were asked: we have access unto the Father through the Son and by one Spirit — all three Persons together in one doorway. Why did God make the way in like this, and what does it show about how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit agree?

Here is the answer I want you to teach, plain and straight: **because there is only one God, and He has opened one way in, and every Person of God is at work in it — nobody is left out and nobody works alone.** The Son is

not a side door and the Spirit is not an extra help after the real work is done. Through the Son — He is the way in. By one Spirit — He is the One who brings us and holds us in that way. Unto the Father — He is the destination, the One the whole doorway leads to. Teach your students what this proves about Heaven: the Father receives, the Son opens, the Spirit brings — and there is no disagreement among them about a single worshiper who comes. When Heaven speaks, Heaven agrees, and when Heaven opens a door, all of Heaven stands in that door together.

Verse by Verse — Ephesians 2:18, with John 4:23-24

"**For through him**" (Ephesians 2:18) — Paul's *him* is Jesus Christ. Hold the context: Paul has just taught that Christ made both groups one and preached peace to those far off and those near. Now he says the access both enjoy runs *through him*. Not through a priest of our own making, not through our goodness, not through a place. Through the Son. Teach it direct: if a person is coming to the Father, they are coming through Jesus — there is no second route named in this verse.

"**we both have access**" (Ephesians 2:18) — Do not rush past *we both*. Jew and Gentile, the near and the far off, come by the same doorway — and so does every divided pair your students can name. And hear the word *access*: it means a bringing in, an introduction, a way to come near. We do not break in. We are brought in. The access is something we *have* — present tense, already given through Christ — not something we are still begging Heaven to consider.

"**by one Spirit**" (Ephesians 2:18) — Paul says *one* Spirit, because both groups are brought in by the same Spirit —

there are not two Spirits for two kinds of people. And this is the same Holy Spirit of Sagas 5 and 6: the Comforter Jesus sent from the Father, the Spirit of truth who glorifies the Son. Now see His work here: He is the *by* of our coming. The Spirit does not just point at the door — by Him, we actually have the access. Connect it for your students: the Spirit who testifies of the Son is the Spirit who brings us through the Son.

"**unto the Father**" (Ephesians 2:18) — The doorway has a destination, and Paul names Him: *the Father*. Worship is not coming to an idea, or to a church, or to a feeling — it is coming unto the Father. That is why this saga is the right ending for the book: every voice we have heard — the Father over the Son at the Baptism and the Transfiguration, the Father answering in John 12, the Son promising the Spirit, the Spirit glorifying the Son — all of it leads worshipers here, unto the Father Himself.

"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him." (John 4:23) — Now lay the bridge down, because this is where Ephesians 2:18 walks us back to. Jesus said the Father *seeketh* worshipers — the Father is looking for them. And Ephesians shows us the Father has not only sought them, He has made the access for them: through the Son, by the Spirit. The seeking Father and the open doorway are the same story told from both ends.

"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24) — Close the verse-by-verse here. Worship unto the Father is worship in spirit and in truth — and the Spirit who must be in our worship is the very "one Spirit" of Ephesians 2:18 by whom we have access. Keep it plain for your students: we do not bring the Father a worship He has not made the

way for. He made the way — through His Son, by His Spirit — and the worship He seeks comes back to Him through that same doorway.

A Short Preachable Outline

I. **The way in is through the Son** — "through him": no other route is named (Ephesians 2:18).
II. **The access is for both** — "we both have access": one doorway for the near and the far off (Ephesians 2:18).
III. **The way in is by one Spirit** — the same Spirit who testifies of and glorifies the Son brings us in (Ephesians 2:18; John 15:26; John 16:14).
IV. **The doorway leads unto the Father** — the Father seeketh true worshippers, and He has made their access (Ephesians 2:18; John 4:23-24).

Preaching Lines

> "When Heaven speaks, Heaven agrees — and when Heaven opens a door, all of Heaven stands in it: through the Son, by the Spirit, unto the Father."

> "You do not have to break in to God. Through Jesus, by one Spirit, you have access unto the Father — the door is already open."