

Hebrews 7.25

Eternal Intercession

We are saved by the death and resurrection of Jesus, His blood being the price of our sin and His resurrection being the evidence that God has accepted the sacrifice and we are indeed justified; “*who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.*” (Romans 4:25, NKJV) But we often overlook the incredible glory of Jesus living forever and the awesome gifts that are ours BECAUSE He lives and intercedes FOREVER... We must learn much of the life of Christ, we must rightly understand, we must defend the truth of His eternal intercession (a role uniquely His own) else we miss the greatest part of our own consolation.

I. JESUS LIVES FOREVER

- A. This life is his own nature and right, He has life in Himself

Revelation 1.11,18

“For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself,” (John 5:26, NKJV)

B. He purchased the church by His own life forever making us His own.

“Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.” (Acts 20:28, NKJV)

“By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.” (1 John 3:16, NKJV)

C. Death no longer has any power over him, for He lives forever.

“knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.” (Romans 6:9, NKJV)

D. Because He lives, We live

““A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.” (John 14:19, NKJV)

II. HE MAKES INTERCESSION FOR US FOREVER

A. As Prophet

1. He speaks to us of God's will and purpose

B. As Priest

1. He pleads His precious blood as the purchase for our sin
- C. As King
 1. He rules over all the world. There is nothing that is outside His power and influence.

III. HE SENDS THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR US

- A. He gives us understanding of His word and will

1Corinthians 2.7-16

- B. He quickens and enlivens us

John 3.5-8

- C. He is the source of all actual grace which empowers us to actually obey God.

“And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”” (Acts 1:7–8, NKJV)

- D. He is the source of all spiritual gifts

“But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.” (1 Corinthians 12:11, NKJV).

E. He grants us all comfort

IV. HE RULES AS KING FOREVER

A. Head over all things

“And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,” (Ephesians 1:22, NKJV)

B. He preserves the church by His own wisdom and power

C. He will and MUST reign until He has made all His enemies His footstool

“The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”” (Psalm 110:1)

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D. The Keys of death and hell have been given unto Him

“I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.” (Revelation 1:18, NKJV)

E. Unless He rules from heaven we are ruined here... Remember, it is from His own throne that He sends the Spirit...

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.” (John 16:7, NKJV)

1. and remember all that the spirit does...
2. All understanding of the Word is given by Him through the spirit
3. All saving grace which calls us to life
4. All actual, effectual grace by which we are permitted and enabled to obey God
5. All spiritual gifts flow from Him through the spirit
6. All comfort and consolation...

V. THROUGH HIS LIFE HE INTERCEDES

A. The OT Types

1. The daily sacrifice to remind us of the bloody nature of the price of sin...
2. The eternal fire of the altar. All sacrifices were set ablaze by this sacred fire

and the prayers of Jesus show us the fulfillment of this picture

a. Strong cries and supplications

“who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear,”
(Hebrews 5:7, NKJV)

b. A sweet smelling aroma – (Basil)

“And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.” (Ephesians 5:2, NKJV)

“Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.”
(Isaiah 53:10, NKJV)

3. The incense

a. Annual - it covered the ark in a cloud of incense and the priest entered under its protection... it was fired with coals from the altar. Jesus too entered the throne room of heaven and filled it with the sweet aroma of His own sacrifice.

b. Daily - this represented prayer

“Let my prayer be set before You as incense, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.” (Psalm 141:2, NKJV)

B. His ongoing actual intercession

1. This is foundation of our certainty...

“My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.” (1 John 2:1–2, NKJV)

2. It is by the intercession of Jesus that His death is applied to us...

“Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.” (Romans 8:34, NKJV)

3. It is the immediate and eternal source of all grace unto us... From HIM we receive all mercy grace and supplication in our duties trials and temptations.

4. By the intercession of Christ we are encouraged, commanded and compelled to come to God boldly and ask of Him...

“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

(Hebrews 4:15–16, NKJV)

“and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.” (Hebrews 10:21–

22, NKJV)