

REVELATION

I. **Christ as the kingly and divine High Priest is interceding for us—Heb. 7:16; Rev 1:18.**

A. **He is interceding for us according to the power of an indestructible life**

Christ has been constituted our High Priest according to the power of an indestructible life, being the eternal, divine, uncreated life and the resurrection life that has passed through the test of death and of Hades.

B. **He lives forever without any change—Heb. 7:24**

Because Christ lives forever without any change, He is able to save us to the uttermost in extent, time, and space.

C. **He wants to save us in to the fullest extent—Heb. 7:25**

In Hebrews 7:25 the expression to the uttermost means “completely, entirely, perfectly, to the end, and for eternity”; this indicates that Christ as our High Priest is able to save us to the fullest extent, that is, to save in every kind of situation and condition.

D. **Christ is our perpetual, constant, and eternal Intercessor—Heb. 4:14-16**

Christ is able to save us completely because He is interceding for us; He is our perpetual, constant, and eternal Intercessor.

- God has appointed Him to take care of us, and He is now caring for us by interceding for us; He is interceding for us now, and He will save us to the uttermost.
- Because He lives not only above the heavens, but also within us. We must learn to see this heavenly vision; then we will receive mercy and find grace at the throne of grace for timely help.

II. **Christ is interceding for us at the right hand of God. The Spirit is interceding for us in our spirit to conform us into the image of son of God.**

In Romans 8 Christ is interceding for us at the right hand of God, and the Spirit is interceding for us in our spirit.

A. **Christ is interceding for us at the right hand of God—Rom. 8:34**

Christ died for us, He was resurrected, and now He is in the heavens at the right hand of God interceding for us.

- Christ is interceding for our glorification; this corresponds to His interceding for us to be saved to the uttermost—**Rom. 8:29**.
- As the consummated and ascended God-man and as the Head of the Body, Christ is interceding for us that we may be conformed to His image as the firstborn Son of God and thus become His reproduction for the constitution of the corporate and organic Body of Christ.

B. **Spirit intercedes for us with groanings in our weakness—Rom. 8:26**

“The Spirit also joins in to help us in our weakness, for we do not know for what we should pray as is fitting, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings which cannot be uttered”.

- The weakness here is our ignorance of how we should pray; we do not know the kind of prayer God desires, and we are not clear how to pray.
- His interceding is mainly that we may experience the transformation in life for growth in life unto the maturity of sonship so that we may be fully conformed to the image of God's firstborn—**Rom 12:2, 8:29**.

C. **He intercedes for us according to God.**

“He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to God”—**Rom 8:6,16,29**:

- The mind of the Spirit here is not the mind of the Spirit that is independent of us; it is the mind of the Spirit that has been mingled with our mind and has become part of our heart.
- The searching Spirit prays for us according to God Himself, that we may be conformed to the image of His Son.

PRACTICE

III. **We need to respond to Christ's intercession in His heavenly ministry**—Col 1:9-11, 4:12A. **We need to respond to Christ's interceding.**

We need to participate in Christ's interceding life and become on earth the reflection of Christ's intercession in His heavenly ministry, praying the prayers of the interceding Christ.

B. **For Christ carries out His administration through our prayer**

Through our prayer Christ, the Head, is given a way to carry out His administration through His Body.

C. **Three examples of intercessory prayers in the Bible**

In Acts 12 we have the intercessory prayer of the church, and in Colossians 1:9-11 and 4:12, the intercessory prayers of Paul and Epaphras:

1. Intercession of the church: When Peter was in prison, "prayer was being made fervently by the church to God concerning him"—Acts 12:5

- Behind the scene there was a battle of spiritual forces, a battle between God and His enemy, Satan—Acts 12:5-23

2. Intercession of the apostle: Paul prayed that the saints would "be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding"—Col. 1:9

- God's profound will for us is to let us know Christ, experience Christ, enjoy Christ, live Christ, and have Christ become our life and our person—Col. 1:12

3. Intercession of the believer: Epaphras struggled on behalf of the saints in his prayers that they would stand mature and be fully assured in all the will of God—Col. 4:12

D. **We need to keep the position of prayer is ascension, that is, a heavenly position**—Eph. 1:3, 2:6

The position of prayer is ascension, that is, a heavenly position:

1. Keep heavenly position: If we leave the heavenly position, we lose the position of prayer.

2. Exercise the authority of prayer: With the position of prayer there is the authority of prayer; as the position of prayer is ascension, the authority of prayer is also ascension—Matt. 17:20, 18:18-19.

3. Execute divine administration: When we have the heavenly position and authority, our prayers become God's administration, the execution of God's will—Matt 6:10.

PREFACE

To realize the matters described in the previous messages, such as, to seek for the things above, to shepherd the churches, and to propagate the resurrected Christ, we need to participate in the interceding of Christ.

EXPERIENCE

When anxious thoughts arise, we soon sense a soothing comfort, saying to us, "Why don't you pray? You don't need to worry." Then we respond to Him, "Thank You, Lord. You bear my worries. All my cares are in Your hand." This is the effect of Christ's intercession.

BURDEN

We need to realize Christ heavenly ministry by interceding. We also need to emphasize our personal prayer and church prayer meeting. We need to continue the interceding of senior ones to gain the young ones who will transfer the ages. More over, we need to have specific prayer to participate in the Lord's move.

REVELATION

I. Christ as the kingly and divine High Priest is interceding for us.

- A. He is interceding for us according to the power of an indestructible life.
[Heb. 7:25] Hence also He is able to save to the uttermost those who come forward to God through Him, since He lives always to intercede for them.
- B. He lives forever without any change: He is able to save us to the uttermost in extent, time, and space.
[Rev. 1:18] And the living One; and I became dead, and behold, I am living forever and ever; and I have the keys of death and of Hades.
- C. He wants to save us in to the fullest extent.
- D. Christ is our perpetual, constant, and eternal Intercessor: Live not only above the heavens, but also in us.
[Heb. 4:16] Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.

II. Christ is interceding for us at the right hand of God. The Spirit is interceding for us in our spirit to conform us into the image of son of God

- A. Christ is interceding for us at the right hand of God.
[Rom. 8:34] Who is he who condemns? It is Christ Jesus who died and, rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.
 - Christ is interceding for our glorification; this corresponds to His interceding for us to be saved to the uttermost.
- B. Spirit intercedes for us with groanings in our weakness.
[Rom. 8:26] Moreover, in like manner the Spirit also joins in to help us in our weakness, ... intercedes for us with groanings.
 - The weakness here is our ignorance of how we should pray; we do not know the kind of prayer God desires, and we are not clear how to pray.
- C. He intercedes for us according to God.
[Rom. 8:27] But He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to God.
[Rom. 8:29] Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;
 - It is the mind of the Spirit that has been mingled with our mind and has become part of our heart. We might know His mind that He wants us to be conformed to the image of His Son.

PRACTICE

III. We need to respond to Christ's intercession in His heavenly ministry

- A. We need to respond and participate in Christ's interceding.
- B. Christ carries out His administration through our prayer
[Eph. 1:22,23] And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church, which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.
- C. What is the prayer? Three examples of intercessory prayers in the Bible
 - Church prayer: fought the battle with God against Satan, the evil one.
[Acts 12:5] Peter was kept in the prison; but prayer was being made fervently by the church to God concerning him.
 - Paul's prayer: To know God's will concern Christ as our portion.
[Col. 1:9] ..do not cease praying ... that you may be filled with the full knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,
 - Epaphras's prayer: Make saints be fully assured in all the will of God.
[Col. 4:12] ..struggling .. in his prayers that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.
- D. How to pray? We need to keep the position of prayer is ascension, that is, a heavenly position
 - When we have the heavenly position and authority, our prayers become God's administration, the execution of God's will.
[Matt. 17:20] ..if you have faith like a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, Move from here to there, and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.
[Matt. 6:10] Your kingdom come; Your will be done, as in heaven, so also on earth.