

## Lesson 9

### God The Son - Part III

#### His Present Ministry

1. The work of Christ did not end with His DEATH, RESURRECTION and ASCENSION. He is still DIRECTING His own from His place in HEAVEN.
2. The one thing Jesus did FINISH during His earthly life was the PLAN OF SALVATION.
3. The work of Christ continues through His BODY; the CHURCH and the HOLY SPIRIT.
4. He died to MAKE us clean. He lives to KEEP us clean. 1 John 1:9  
(The Greek tense of the verb is: keeps on purifying or keeps on cleansing.)
5. Jesus, in the present, speaks to God FOR us and speaks to us FOR God. 1 Timothy 2:5
6. Jesus, presently is EXALTED! See John 17:5 and Philippians 2:9-11

#### **Special Notation**

**Read Philippians 2:9-11 and see the seven ways God has exalted His Son Jesus.**

7. Jesus, today, is sitting at the RIGHT HAND OF GOD. See Acts 7:55 & 56; Romans 8:34; and 1 Peter 3:22
8. The “right hand of God” implies AUTHORITY AND POWER. (See again - 1 Peter 3:22)

#### **Special Notation**

**Whenever the scriptures refer to the right hand of God, the right hand of power, etc., it is always a symbol of the strength and authority of God.**

9. At this present time Jesus is PREPARING A PLACE in heaven for we who are believers. John 14:1-3 and John 17:24
10. Another of Christ’s roles in the present is His role as GREAT HIGH PRIEST. See Hebrews 4:14; 7:26 & 27
11. The Old Testament priesthood of Aaron was only a TYPE a SHADOW of Christ’s ministry as PRIEST. Hebrews 7:23, 24, 26 & 27
12. No one could make himself a HIGH PRIEST. Only one who has been CALLED OF GOD, just as Aaron was called to the priesthood. See Hebrews 5:4-10
13. Jesus was CALLED OF GOD to be High Priest. See again Hebrews 7:25-27

14. Jesus is called an APOSTLE (one sent forth) and He is also called the HIGH PRIEST (one who represents His own before the throne of God). Hebrews 3:1-6
15. Jesus as HIGH PRIEST never will change. The earthly priesthood of Aaron was TEMPORARY because they died. The priesthood of Jesus is UNCHANGABLE because He lives forever. Hebrews 7:23&24
16. Another role of Jesus today is that of INTERCESSOR. Hebrews 7:25b  
He is always in God's presence speaking for us in our SINS and FAILURES.
17. His work as INTERCESSOR is why when we talk to God we talk to Him IN JESUS NAME. John 14:13&14

### Special Notation

**When praying "in Jesus name" we must be careful not to simply speak it as vain repetition. A good way to remind ourselves not to say it loosely is to think of it in this light.  
"I am praying this because I believe You would pray this way."**

18. Christ is not only our INTERCESSOR but He is also our LAWYER or ADVOCATE.  
1 John 2:1 An ADVOCATE is one who PLEADS THE CASE of another.

### Special Notation

**As our advocate Jesus does not go before the Father and make excuses for us, but rather He goes before the Father and says "You know Father, Satan (the accuser of the brother) is right, Pastor Ray did sin in doing this, but MY blood has paid for that sin so You must forgive Him for without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness for sin. I have obtained for him ETERNAL redemption by My blood." See Hebrews 9:12**

20. Jesus is our DEFENSE LAWYER; Satan is PROSECUTOR, the accuser of the brethren.  
Revelation 12:9 & 10
21. Jesus attributes are the same as those of GOD THE FATHER.
  - A. He is OMNIPOTENT. See Matthew 28:18; Colossians 1:16&17;  
John 11:25&26 and Revelation 1:18. Omnipotent, you remember is ALL POWERFUL.
  - B. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ which means \_\_\_\_\_.  
See John 7:15; John 16:30; 21:17; Matthew 9:4 and 12:25
  - C. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ which means \_\_\_\_\_.  
See Matthew 18:20; 28:20

## **Conclusion**

Jesus “ever lives to make intercession for us.” We have an Advocate who speaks to the Father for us in all our faults, failures and sins. His love is boundless. He is always with us. We can pray and He hears us. He knows our needs. How are we lifted up when we fall? How are we restored into fellowship with the Lord? The answer is the main theme of this lesson. It is “He ever lives to make intercession for us.”

Since Jesus is our High Priest, all believers are priests. Look at Revelation 1:6; 5:10; 20:6. The priesthood of the believer is a truth which encourages the people to pray, learn, teach and win. We, as priests, can enter into the “holy of holies,” beyond the veil, and pray to God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.