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1. When Jesus Christ fulfilled His purpose on Earth, where did He go?

1 Timothy 3:16, "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

Acts 1:9-11, "And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward Heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into Heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven."

2. In what circumstances did the ascension of Jesus Christ take place?

Luke 24:50-51, "And He led them out as far as to Bethany, and He lifted up His hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into Heaven."

3. Where is Jesus Christ now?

1 Peter 3:22, "Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God: angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto Him."

Hebrews 10:12, "But this man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God."

4. For what reason did Jesus Christ return to Heaven?

A. That God the Holy Spirit might be given.

John 16:7, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away:

for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you."

B. That Jesus Christ might begin His intercessory work for us.

Romans 8:34, "Who is He that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."

Hebrews 7:25, "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."

C. That He might prepare a home for us.

John 14:2, 3, "In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

5. What special name is given to Jesus Christ in His office of intercession?

Hebrews 4:14, "Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the Heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession."

Hebrews 8:1, "Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an High Priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the Heavens."

6. How superior, however, is our High priest to any earthly priest?

Hebrews 7:26, "For such an High Priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the Heavens."

7. To what order of priesthood is the priesthood of Christ likened?

Hebrews 5:10, "Called of God an High Priest after the order of Melchisedec."

8. Why was this comparison appropriate?

Zechariah 6:13, "Even He shall build the temple of the LORD; and He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon His throne; and He shall be a priest upon His throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both."

Hebrews 7:1, "For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him."

King priest like Melchisedec.

9. In what sanctuary does Christ now minister?

Hebrews 8:1, 2, "Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an High Priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the Heavens; A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man."

10. What Bible writer was privileged to look into this heavenly sanctuary?

Revelation 11:19, "And the temple of God was opened in Heaven, and there was seen in His temple the ark of His testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail."

Revelation 8:3, 4, "And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand."

Revelation 15:5, "And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in Heaven was opened."

11. Is a sacrificial offering necessary in the heavenly sanctuary as in the earthly?

Hebrews 8:3, "For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer."

12. What sacrifice did Jesus Christ, our High Priest, offer to the Father on our behalf?

Hebrews 9:12, "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

Ephesians 5:2, "And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour."

13. For whom does the present ministry of Christ avail?

A. For the believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 7:25, "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."

1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

B. For the believer who falls into sin.

1 John 2:1, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

C. For all in every time of need.

Hebrews 4:16, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of GRACE, that we may obtain mercy, and find GRACE to help in time of need."

Hebrews 10:19, "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus."

Hebrews 10:22, "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."

14. How continuous is Christ's intercession on our behalf?

Hebrews 7:24, "But this man, because He continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood."

Hebrews 7:25, "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."

Hebrews 7:16, "Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life."

He ever liveth, is the supreme inspiration of the individual Christian and of the whole body of Christ. In His life we live, hold fellowship with God, receive GRACE for daily

living, and rejoice in victory over sin, sorrow and death.

15. What should Christ's constant mediation inspire us to do?

Hebrews 4:14, "Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the Heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession."

Hebrews 10:23, "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering: (for He is faithful that promised;)"

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