**Jesus Christ the Great High Priest – Heb. 4:15 - 16**

**Focal Truth**: **Jesus Christ the great high priest in heaven sympathizes & helps believer’s**

**in their weaknesses on the earth**

**Observations**

1. **Jesus Christ the great high priest now ministers from heaven to believers on earth 4:14**

*Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession*

1. Jesus Christ is the greatest & ascended high priest of His people in heaven
2. He is both human & divine in heaven today – Jesus, the Son of God
3. **Jesus Christ the great high priest feels the believer’s pain & weakness in heaven 4:15**

*for we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weakness….*

* Double negatives in a sentence turns the statement into a positive statement

1. We have a high priest who sympathizes with our weaknesses
2. **Sympathizes** = to have the same feeling; to be affected with the same feeling as another
3. KJV – He is touched with the feeling of our infirmities
4. The Lord Jesus is touched, feels & is moved to compassion in heaven for our weakness and troubles on the earth

Rev. 2:2 – I know your deeds & your toil & perseverance

Rev. 2:9 – I know your tribulation & poverty…

1. **Our weaknesses** – sickness, trials, poverty, fear, depression, worry, stress, hatred, our flesh, the world, the devil’s attacks

**Today, right now in heaven the Lord is touched with the pains, sorrows & troubles of His people!**

1. **Jesus Christ the great high priest understands the believer’s battle with temptation in heaven 4:15**

*for we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin*

1. He was tempted in all things when on the earth
2. He was temped but resisted & overcame temptation
3. He was tempted but was delivered from temptation

**Today, right now in heaven the Lord understands the temptations of His people!**

1. **Believers go to heaven in prayer to receive help from Jesus Christ their high priest on earth 4:16**

*Therefore, let us draw near with confidence – liberty of speech, to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy & find grace to help in time of need*

1. Drawing near is worship & prayer to God through the Lord Jesus Christ

Believers are invited to come to heaven in prayer & worship

1. Prayer is entering heaven to speak to Jesus Christ the high priest

Eph. 2:6 – we are seated united to Christ in the heavenlies

Phil 3:20 – our citizenship is in heaven where Christ is seated

Col. 3.:1 – set our minds on things above where Christ is seated

1. Believers receive mercy & find grace to help in need as they go to the Lord Jesus Christ the great high priest

**Today, believers are united to Christ in heaven so we go to heaven in prayer to speak to our great high priest for mercy & life needs!**

**Things to remember & do**

1. **Remember Jesus Christ, your sympathetic high priest in times of weakness & temptation.**
2. **The only pain in heaven is the sympathetic pain of the Jesus Christ for His people on earth**
3. **Our great high priest in heaven does not ignore, but helps us in our weaknesses**
4. **Draw close in prayer to Jesus Christ the merciful, faithful & sympathizing high priest in heaven & receive mercy & help in your needs on earth**

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near the door! Come Lord Jesus!**