**Christ our high priest – Heb. 7:25 -27**

**Focal Truth**: Jesus Christ our great high priest intercedes for God’s people in heaven forever

The essential duty of high priest is intercession for the people of God

**Observations**

1. **Jesus Christ lives forever His priesthood is permanent 7:16 – 24**
2. Jesus became a priest forever because of a life that cannot be destroyed – 16
3. Jesus became a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek – 17
4. Jesus became a priest forever based on the oath of God – 21
5. Jesus is the guarantee of salvation & a new relationship with God – 22
6. **Jesus lives forever, His priesthood lasts forever – 24**

*But Jesus because He continues forever, holds his Priesthood permanently*

1. **Jesus Christ saves forever whoever comes to God through him 7:25**

*Therefore, He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him…*

1. Jesus saves **once for all** those who come to God through him
2. Jesus saves **forever** those who come to God through him
3. Jesus **keeps** those who come to God through him **forever saved**

Rom. 5:10 – for while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life

1. **Jesus Christ intercedes forever whoever comes to God through him 25**

*since He always lives to make intercession for them*

**Intercession = making a request on behalf of another as a representative of another**

1. He appears before God, the saints & angels of heaven representing those He saves

Heb. 9:24 – Christ is not entered into the holy place made with hands, but into heaven, now to appear in the presence of God for us

1. He carries the power & merit of His blood into the presence of God for those He saves

Heb. 9:11 – 12 – So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered the greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world. With his own blood, not the blood of goats and calves – he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever

1. He answers & satisfies the accusations against those He saves

Rom. 8:33 – who shall lay anything at the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifies, who is he that condemns? It is Christ that died, yes rather is risen again at the right hand of God who makes intercession for us

1. He calls for pardon of sin as the Advocate of those He saves

1 John 2:1 my dear children, I am writing to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous

**He does not appear before God appealing for mercy but claiming for saved sinner’s pardon through His blood**

**Things to remember & do**

1. The Lord Jesus Christ lives forever interceding for those who are saved
2. The Lord Jesus Christ intercession is for all the sins of the saved
3. The Lord Jesus is alive forever so we are saved forever
4. Christ appears for you in heaven now live for Him on the earth

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