

# Jesus Ever Lives!

Heb. 7:25

## Introduction:

- A. Our salvation requires both a dead and living savior (Heb. 9:11, 12, 22-24; cf. Rom. 5:10)
  - 1. He died to shed his blood for us (v. 22)
  - 2. He arose and ascended to offer that blood for us (v. 12).
- B. We do not merely honor a dead Jesus, we serve a living Christ.
- C. There are several purposes for which Jesus is living now.

## Discussion:

### **I. Jesus Ever Lives to *Save the Lost*.**

- A. Without a living Jesus we would still be lost. (Rom. 4:25; 1 Cor. 15:17).
  - 1. The crucifixion provided the necessary sacrifice (Heb. 9:22).
  - 2. The resurrection provided the necessary high priest to offer the blood (Heb. 9:12).
- B. Without a living Jesus the gospel is powerless to save the lost.
  - 1. The gospel is preached as the power to save to all the world. (Mk. 16:15, 16; Rom. 1:16).
  - 2. The gospel is incomplete without the resurrection (1 Cor. 15:1-4).
  - 3. The word is living because of a living Christ in heaven (Heb. 4:12-14)
- C. Without Jesus' intercessory work in heaven we would be lost (1 John 1:10-2:2)

### **II. Jesus Ever Lives to *Cleanse Christians*.**

- A. We are *made* clean by the blood of Christ (Rev. 1:5)
- B. We are *kept* clean by the blood of Christ (1 John 1:5-2:2:2).
  - 1. Every honest Christian knows that he sins.
  - 2. It is terrible to live with knowledge and guilt of our sins.
  - 3. It is not necessary to do so because of His continual cleansing.
  - 4. This is the basic for our assurance.

### **III. Jesus Ever Lives to *Help and Strengthen Christians*.**

- A. He gives us "grace to help in time of need." (Heb. 4:16).
- B. He is always there for us (Matt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5).
- C. Paul's dependance on strength from Jesus.
  - 1. He did not remove Paul's "thorn," but gave him strength to bear it (2 Cor. 12:1-10).
  - 2. Paul could be content because of strength received from Christ (Phil. 4:12-13)
- D. We could never "hold out" without strength and help for the living Jesus.

## Conclusion:

- A. Because Jesus lives, we may boldly "enter into the holiest... draw near....in full assurance...hold fast (Heb. 10:19-23).
- B. Because He lives, we should live for him.