

THE PROMISE

Jesus is our Priest
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Open in Prayer

Advent is a season for remembering and rejoicing, watching and waiting, and a time to reflect upon the promises of God fulfilled in the coming of Christ Jesus.

Last week Pastor Derwin taught about Jesus Our Prophet. A prophet has several roles, and one is to speak on behalf of God to His people. He is God's spokesman. In John 1:1 we read that Jesus is "The Word." He is the ultimate Prophet, and His words are God's words. His words are true and reveal the character of God the Father. This week we see Him as our High Priest.

1. Will you let Jesus be your High Priest? How does connecting the texts below inform and comfort us in God's plan for Jesus in our daily walk?

Read Hebrews 4:14; Leviticus 4:3-21; 16:14-15; Ps 110 (A Psalm foreshadowing the coming Christ) CSB

- What was the OT role of a priest?
- How is Jesus *the High Priest*?
- Why do we need a priest?

2. In Christ, you become human by experiencing regeneration, forgiveness, and victory over sin, death, and dark powers.

Read Colossians 2:13-15 CSB

- What is the true victory for us?
- Did Jesus really "Pay it all" as we sing in worship?
- Why is this important for us to remember?
- How do we become human as we believe what God's Word says about our sin?

We have been regenerated, we have been forgiven, and so we are victorious!

3. Will you let Jesus sympathize with your weaknesses?

Read Hebrews 4:15; Isaiah 53; 2 Corinthians 1:3-11 CSB

- How does Jesus sympathize with our weakness, pain, and struggles?
- How does this give us hope in our daily walk?
- How does this help us empathize and sympathize with others?

4. Will you let Jesus give you mercy and grace?

Read Hebrews 4:16 CSB

Read Romans 1:7 and 16:20; or, 2 Tim1:2 and 4:22 CSB

It is interesting that in each of Paul's letters he opens with "grace to you..." and ends with "grace from/with you" as you read in the above Scriptures. Additionally, last week we learned that Jesus is our Prophet and His words are the Bible's words.

- Why is it relevant to us that Paul opens and closes his letter as he does?

Paul's words, being the Words of Jesus, show us that grace and mercy that flows from Jesus to us and from us to others.

- Then ending his books as he does, what are we to do with this mercy and grace?
- How does this help us live out TC's vision?

5. Will you join Jesus in His priestly ministry?

Read 1 Peter 2:9 CSB and 2 Corinthians 5:20

- What does Peter say about being a priest?
- How is each of us described in 1 Peter?
- Do we believe this?
- What are we to do with this new identity in service and ministry to others?

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