

CHRIST'S PRESENT MINISTRY IN HEAVEN

1. He prepares a place. John 14:1-2

Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ²In 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.

2. Christ silences Satan. 1 John 2:1

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Rev. 12:10 ". . .for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."

3. Christ defends His disciples. 1 John 2:1

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Rom. 8:33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies.

4. He grants grace. Heb. 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

5. He intercedes for individuals. Rom. 8:34

Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

Heb. 7:25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

6. He sympathizes with the suffering. Heb. 4:15

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as we are, *yet* without sin.

7. He rests from redemption. Rev. 3:21

To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

8. He secures salvation. Heb. 7:25

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

9. He gives gifts to men. Eph. 4:7-8

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."

10. He cares for the churches. Rev. 1:13, 20

And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man . . . the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

Rev. 1:16, 20 And he had in his right hand seven stars . . . The seven stars are the angels [pastors] of the seven churches.

11. He readies revenge. Rev. 1:6-7

And has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

2.Thess. 1:7-8 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

12. He indwells individuals. Gal. 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

13. He anticipates His advent. John 14:3

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

14. He administers angels. Heb. 1:14

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Heb. 2:8 You have put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing *that is* not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.

Ps. 91:11 For he [the LORD . . . the most High, v 9] shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

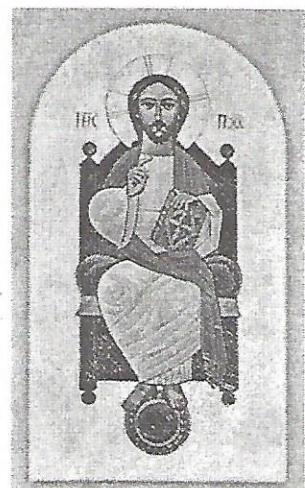
15. He upholds the universe. Col. 1:17

And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

16. He beckons believers to heaven. Acts 7:56

And said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

Psa. 116:15 Precious in the sight of the Lord *is* the death of His saints.



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