

# YOUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST

## HEBREWS 4:14-16

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

BACKGROUND: In the last lesson we saw the importance of God's Word in an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. In this lesson we see Jesus as our High Priest meeting our need for mercy and grace as we confidently go to Him.

**JESUS IS THE GREATER HIGH PRIEST** who offered the final sacrifice for sin. He has once for all made possible the forgiveness of the whole world through sacrificing His own blood. His ascension guarantees your forgiveness and ascension. Knowing that Jesus is interceding for you before the Father enables you to hold firmly to your faith. (**Hebrews 4:14, fn 4:14, Hebrews 10:11-14, fn 10:11, 12, fn 10:12, Hebrews 6:19, 20, fn 6:19, 20, I John 2:1, 2, fn 2:2**) *How could you hold firmly to your faith without "rituals"?*

**JESUS WAS LIKE YOU** physically but He faced down temptation every time he was tempted. Jesus does not give us the strength for our own flesh to resist temptation. He gives us the Holy Spirit and the power of His grace to withstand temptation and resist sin. Unbelief drives or gives power to all sin, but the power of grace is strong enough to overcome all sin. Faithfulness to Jesus is the result of believing that Christ has freed us from slavery to sin and that we, through His grace, possess the power to resist temptation to sin. (**Hebrews 4:15, fn 4:15, Hebrews 2:17, 18, fn 2:16, 17, fn 2:18, I Corinthians 10:12, 13, fn 10:13, Romans 6:6-11, fn 6:6**) *How could meeting daily with Jesus, your High Priest, over His Word help you to face down temptations?*

**JESUS HAS GRACE** to give and mercy to forgive. Jesus not only forgives the sins of our past, present, and future. He works in our present and future by His grace—the power to trust Christ to live His life in us. Therefore, we can individually go to Jesus with the confidence that in Him we will find mercy and grace to experience God's rest. (**Hebrews 4:16, fn 4:16, Hebrews 10:19-25, fn 10:21, 22, fn 10:22-25, Romans 5:17, 20, fn 5:20, Romans 8:31-39, fn 8:35-39, II Corinthians 12:7-10, fn 12:9**) *How could having, knowing, and going into the presence of Jesus help you to experience God's rest?*

*As you daily study the truths about Jesus, in what ways is the presence of the Holy Spirit revealing to you God's majesty and glory?*

