**Jesus Christ our High Priest – Heb. 8:6**

**Focal Truth: Jesus Christ is now the mediator of a new agreement between God and men**

**Observations**

1. **Now, Jesus Christ minsters as mediator of a new agreement between God & men – 8:6**

*But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises*

1. **But now = at this time & moving forward**
2. Now Jesus Christ has taken His seat in the heavens as high priest - 8:1
3. Now the old law covenant – agreement has passed away – 8:13 – a new covenant He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear
4. Now Jesus Christ has entered heaven to appear in the presence of God for us – 9:24 *Christ is not entered into the holy place made with hands… but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us*
5. Now Jesus Christ has put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself – 9:26 – *but now once in the end of the world has he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself*
6. **Now, Jesus Christ ministry as mediator is an excellent ministry – 8:6**

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1. Jesus Christ ministers in heaven the holy things of God - an excellent ministry compared to the Levitical ministry
2. Jesus Christ obtained this ministry from God the Father
* God the Father granted Him this ministry - *You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek*
* God the Father’s call for him to this ministry - *Sit at my right hand till I make your enemies your footstool*
1. Jesus Christ accomplishes this ministry in complete obedience to God the Father 10:7 – *then I said, behold I have come to do your will*
2. Jesus Christ willingly surrendered to death on the cross - 12:2 – *endured the cross*

*despising the shame….*

1. Jesus Christ ministry is beyond compare to the old priesthood – “more excellent”
* He is the God/man who conducts His ministry forever in heaven for us.
1. **Now, Jesus Christ ministry as mediator has enacted a better agreement between God and man – 8:6 - WHY DO WE NEED A MEDIATOR?**

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1. Jesus is mediator of a new & better agreement between God & man

**Mediator = one who brings two parties together in agreement**

**A mediator is a RECONCILER!**

* A mediator is qualified to represent both parties in the agreement
* A mediator is trusted by both sides in the agreement
* A mediator volunteers to bring the sides to an agreement
* A mediator removes the cause of the separation of the sides
* A mediator gives assurance of the agreement to both sides
1. Jesus Christ by His death on the cross as the sacrifice for sin brings reconciliation between Holy God & sinful men - 7:22 – *Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant*
2. Jesus Christ by His eternal life as high priest maintains the reconciliation between a Holy God and sinful men
3. Jesus Christ as mediator enacts God the Father’s new agreement with sinful men based on His promises to them - 8:8 -12
* **God’s new agreement** – 8: 8 – 11 - *behold the days are coming, says the Lord when I will effect a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah…for this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel…*
* *I will put my laws into their minds*
* *I will write them on their hearts*
* *I will be their God*
* *They shall be my people*
* *They will not teach their neighbor saying know the Lord, for all will know me, from the least to the greatest*
* **God’s promises** of the new agreement – 8:12 – *I will be merciful to their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more*

**Merciful to their sins**

**Forgetful of their sins**

**Things to Remember & do**

1. Jesus Christ is the mediator between Holy God & sinful men – 1 Tim. 2:5
2. God promises in the new agreement with believing sinners are secured by Jesus Christ the. Mediator
3. Praise & Glorify the Lord Jesus Christ our Mediator!

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