

Hebrews 4:14-16

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Introduction: Let us hold fast our confession (cf. 3:1,6)! Holding fast to our confession is holding fast to a Person! The Word reveals not only ourselves but Christ!

1. Our Priest

- a. Jesus the Son of God (Trinity—One God in Three Persons)... the most powerful priest possible
- b. He can sympathize with our weaknesses (Hypostatic Union—Jesus' two natures)... the most appropriate priest possible, in everything tempted as we are
- c. He is without sin (Substitutionary atonement)... the most effective priest possible
- d. Passed through the heavens (Bodily resurrection and ascension)

2. Our Prayers

- a. We are not just represented by Christ but united to Him
- b. When we come with Him into glory, we do not find Him bowing before the throne; we find Him seated upon it!
- c. So we can come boldly, even though we come needy. He is already in glory, while we are still in need
- d. Because our Priest sits upon it, the throne of glory is a throne of grace

Conclusion: We need mercy, and grace, and help. One day, we will be glorified in body and soul, but that is not the time to come to the throne of grace. Now is the time to come to the throne of grace!