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The Blood Covenant

16. The Present Ministry of Christ

Most Christians focus on Christ's death and resurrection but overlook what He is doing now, seated at the Father's right hand. This chapter argues that Jesus is as active living for us as He was in dying for us. It lays out five present ministries He carries on our behalf.

Key takeaways

- As High Priest, Christ entered heaven with His own blood, obtaining eternal redemption and setting man apart from Satan's kingdom. He still ministers our prayers and worship, making our crude petitions beautiful to the Father when offered in His name.
- As Mediator, He bridges God and man — being both equal with God and equal with man, and having reconciled us through the cross. Now no one approaches God except through Him.
- As Intercessor, He prays for the believer whose mind is still being renewed and who faces demonic persecution, saving us to the uttermost.

- As Advocate, He pleads our case when we sin and break fellowship — but only once we confess. Many stay under condemnation because they don't know to take the forgiveness the Word promises the moment they confess.
- As Surety, He guarantees the New Covenant. Our position before the Father is secure because a Man always stands there representing us.

Passages worth keeping

“Stop your crying, stop your groaning, come with joy to the throne of love gifts and let me fill your basket with blessings.”

Reframes the believer's approach to God from sin-consciousness to confidence in Christ's finished work.

How it connects

The five ministries map to the believer's whole journey: Mediator brings the sinner in, then Intercessor, Advocate, and Surety keep the child of God secure — all resting on the one finished sacrifice.

Scripture referenced

- **Hebrews 7:22** -- Jesus as surety of the New Covenant
- **Hebrews 9:11-15** -- Christ entered heaven with His own blood as High Priest and Mediator

- **Hebrews 4:14-16** -- merciful High Priest; come boldly to the throne of grace
- **Hebrews 7:25** -- He ever lives to make intercession for us
- **1 John 2:1** -- if we sin, we have an Advocate with the Father
- **Colossians 1:21-22** -- reconciled through His death, presented holy and blameless