**A Friend in High Places - Hebrews 4:14-16**

If you’ve got \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it means you’ve got a friend in high places.

Jesus is the friend we need because he is the Right \_\_\_\_\_ with the Right \_\_\_\_ in the Right \_\_\_\_\_.

1. **The Right \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess” (Hebrews 4:14).**

There was only one high priest. His chief job was to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the nation of Israel on the Day of Atonement.

Jesus is the right person to hear our prayers because He has entered the Holy of Holies in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Now that Christ has come, the sacrificial system of the Old Testament has been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Christ has become our great high priest who has passed through the heavens into the sanctuary of God.

He is the right person to hear our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because He has entered the Holy of Holies in heaven. He is \_\_\_\_\_ (His human name) and He is also the \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ (His divine title).

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**“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin” (Hebrews 4:15).**

He is “touched” by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of our feeble flesh. Whatever touches us, touches Him. Jesus is touched with the feeling of our infirmities.

He \_\_\_\_ our pain, He \_\_\_\_ our weakness, He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what we are going through. Because He was a “man of sorrows and acquainted with grief,” He truly knows what we are going through.

The text means that Jesus faced every \_\_\_\_ of temptation we can face.

Basically every temptation falls into one of three categories: the \_\_\_\_ of the eyes, the lust of the \_\_\_\_, and the pride of \_\_\_ (cf. 1 John 2:14-17). Jesus defeated the devil in those three areas.

Because Christ was tempted and never gave in, we may be sure that He is never surprised by anything we \_\_\_ or \_\_.

And we don’t have to prove ourselves \_\_\_\_\_\_ when we pray.

We are accepted by God only on the basis of what Jesus Christ has done. It is either \_\_ by grace or not by grace at \_\_.

We can come to God just the way we are, clinging only to the cross and claiming nothing but the blood of Jesus as our own hope of being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when we pray.

1. **The Right Place**

**“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need” (Hebrews 4:16).**

Because of Jesus, the throne of God’s justice is now a throne of \_\_\_\_\_. When we come before that throne, we will not be turned away.

That’s why we are to come with confidence or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Greek word means "with freedom of speech."

God has given to every Christian a card that says “Admit to the Throne Room of Heaven." The card is stamped with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ. But that card does you no good unless you \_\_\_ it boldly when you pray.

Out text tells us that when we come to the “throne of grace,” we will “receive \_\_\_\_\_” and “find \_\_\_\_\_.”

Verse 16 ends with the good news that we can find “grace to help in our time of need.” The last phrase literally means “at the right \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_."

**We’ve got a friend in high places. We’ve got clout. We’ve got connections in heaven. We’ve got a friend at the throne of grace who delights to answer our prayers. He’s the Right Person with the Right Past in the Right Place. Because He feels your pain, He can sympathize with what you’re going through. Nothing you say will surprise Him. Come boldly. Come often. Come to the throne of grace and pour out your heart to God. You will not be turned away.**

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