

Scripture: Hebrews 7:11-8:1

Lord's Day 12.31 #1

Singing: 284:1-3 – 161:1, 3, 4, 6, 8 – 142:1, 4, 4 – 92:1, 3, 8

DEALING WITH DOUBTS ...

- Is there any doubt left that you **must** be saved? (Ps. 5:4ff)

- Is there any doubt left **Who** must be your Savior? (Acts 4:12)

- Is there any doubt that Jesus is **the answer** for your life? (1 Cor. 1:30)

- Or is your doubt like the father who doubted Jesus' ability? (Mark 9:22)

The Ability of Jesus Christ

I. What is His ability? II. Why does He have this ability?

I. THE ABILITY OF JESUS THE MESSIAH

A. His ability is revealed in His 2nd most common name: Christ (Messiah)

1. How are the names of Jesus and Christ connected?

2. Hebrews 7 mostly deals with Jesus' *priestly ability*

a. Theme of Hebrews: *Ascended Jesus in heaven's court*

- Heb. 1:3, 2:9; 4:14; 5:8-9; 6:20; 7:25-8:1; 9:11-14, 24, 28; 10:12; 12:2

b. Jesus' death did not end His ministry: Heb 7:25b; 8:1

3. Hebrew author 'shouts' it out: *He is able to save uttermost!*

a. He is like mouth of God in Ps. 89:19-21 – Is 42:1-9

b. He able to save you **all** who come to God through Him

c. He is able to save to **uttermost**

II. WHY DOES HE HAVE THIS ABILITY?

A. He is able because He was *purposely made able* to be the Savior (vs. 26)

1. Define: Jesus Christ *became us* (1 Cor. 2:24)

2. This revelation is Gospel: *we face needs we CANNOT EVER meet*

3. Jesus Christ was made to 'meet our every need' as lost and guilty sinners

a. He is holy

b. He is harmless

c. He is undefiled

d. He is separate from sinners

e. He offered up Himself

4. Upon all His earthly labor, He is made *higher than the heavens*

a. there, at God's right hand, He *intercedes for them* (vs. 25b)

- for them ...

- He intercedes ...

Finally .. *'And the servant [Abraham's] brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah (...) and they called Rebekah, and said unto her, "Wilt thou go with this man?"'* (Gen. 24)