

Separated From Sinners

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"But **this Man** (Jesus), because He continues forever, **has an unchangeable priesthood**. Therefore He is able also to save **to the uttermost** those who come unto God through Him; seeing He always lives **to make intercession for them**. For He became such a High Priest for us, who is Holy, Innocent, Undeiled, **Separated from Sinners**, and made to be higher than the heavens; who does not need to daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for His own sins, and then for the people's; for He did this **once, when He offered up Himself**. (Heb. 7:24-27)

Separated: from the Greek word ***kechorismenos*** which means: to be separated, having been separated, to separate, to divide; to put apart,, to depart, to withdraw, vacate; create space; to separate oneself from some place or persons. From from ***chóra*** which means: a space, a region, a place, or open land or fields.

From: from the Greek word ***apo*** which means: away from, from, off; signifying separation; i. e. of distance; and of distance of place.

Sinners: from the Greek word ***hamartolon*** which means: a sinner, someone sinful; from ***hamartanó*** which means: to miss the mark (of God's perfection), do wrong, to sin.

The context is that Jesus is now in a place that is "**higher than the heavens!**" That place is the Sanctuary-Temple of God in Heaven, where Jesus the **risen Son of Man** sits, as our Great High Priest, at the Right Hand of God the Father - **Separated From Sinners**; and in context **separated from the place where sinners dwell**: the fallen world where people live; as it says:

"But this Man (Jesus), after He had offered One Sacrifice for sins forever, **sat down on the right hand of God**; and henceforth looking forward until His enemies are made a footstool for His feet. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are sanctified." (Hebrews 10:7-12-14)

"Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our Faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has **sat down at the Right Hand of the Throne of God**." (Hebrews 12:2)

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, He entered the world of sinful people; and lived amongst them for over 33 years, and **He was not separated from them!** He lived with sinners, ate with sinners, touched sinners, healed sinners from sickness and decease, raised sinners from the dead, and taught sinners about repentance and the Kingdom of God; and He died on the Cross for sinners! He did all these things here on earth **in the midst of sinners**. As it says:

Jesus "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in form as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, **even the death of the cross**." (Philippians 2:6-8)

Jesus came down to earth, from the Father, to be **our Savior**, to save **us** from **our** sin, and sinfulness. This He accomplished on the Cross, once and for all time **for us** when He took our sin upon Himself while on the Cross. And, because Jesus now **has a Holy, undeiled, and Unchangeable Priesthood** in Heaven, He is now also able to save **to the uttermost** those who come unto God **through Him**; since He always lives to make intercession for us.

Being our eternal High Priest, requires that Jesus be **holy, innocent, and undeiled** from contact with sinners. Just as the high priests of ancient Israel had to separate themselves, from persons that could or would deile them, in order to perform their ministry of intercession in the Sanctuary and Temple of God (see Leviticus 21:12); so also Jesus, who always lives **to make intercession for us** in the most Holy Sanctuary and Temple of God in Heaven, has now been **Separated From Sinners**. A vast space separates us here on earth, from Christ in Heaven!

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Although in Heaven Christ Jesus is Separated from Sinners here on earth; we here on earth are not separated **from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord!** Consider this passage:

“What shall we then say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who spared not His own Son, **but delivered Him up for us all**, how shall He not with Him also **freely give us all things**? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? **It is Christ who died, yes rather, who has risen again, who is even at the Right Hand of God, who also makes intercession for us!** **Who shall Separate us from the love of Christ?** Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, *'For Your sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter* (Psalm 44:22) **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.** For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to Separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord!**” (Romans 8:31-39)

Indeed, spiritually, we who are in Christ Jesus are already seated together with Him in the heavenly places; as it says:

“But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, **has made us alive together with Christ**; by grace you are saved! And He has raised **us** up together, **and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus**; so that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness **towards us** through Christ Jesus. For by grace you are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: **it is the gift of God**. Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has ordained beforehand that we should walk in them. Therefore remember, that you being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; that at that time **you were separated** from Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, **and without God** in the world. But now **in Christ Jesus** you who sometimes were far off **are near near through the blood of Christ**. For **He is our peace**, who has made **both one**” (Ephesians 2:4-14)

Jesus is Separated From Sinners!

After Jesus rose physically from the dead He ascended into Heaven!
There in Heaven Jesus, God's promised Savior and Messiah, and Great High Priest,
sat down at the Right Hand of the Majesty of God Most High;
thus accomplishing His separation from sinners.

But we who are in Christ are not, and will never be separated from the love of God,
which is in Christ Jesus our Lord!

Thank You heavenly Father for joining us together with Christ Jesus!
Thank You for seating us in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus!
Thank You Jesus for being in us, and for being our High Priest ...
... who intercedes for us before the Father Always and Always!

All Praise, Glory, Honor, and power be Yours Forever and Ever!