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- When He ascended to heaven and was exalted, Christ sent back His Holy Spirit (Acts 2:33). Later the apostle Paul revealed that the moment a sinner trusts Christ, the Holy Spirit enters into his spirit and brings that person into oneness with Christ. Ephesians 1:12-14

**Because He is exalted, we now have an intercessor to God the Father.**

- An intercessor is a go-between, also called a mediator. Romans 8:34; 1 Timothy 2:5
- When writing to Hebrew believers, the term “*high priest*” is used. Again, the idea is that of a mediator or intercessor.
- Jesus Christ literally sits in His exalted position in heaven and intercedes for us and pleads our case. The devil is called the great accuser of the brethren, but we have an advocate - a mediator who intercedes on our behalf. Romans 8:33-39
- Our intercessor is powerful (Ephesians 1:20-23), yet merciful and compassionate. Hebrews 2:17-18, 4:14-16
- Christ brought back to the right hand of the Majesty on High His glorified humanity. Therefore, He can understand what we go through as humans (tears, sorrow, temptation, rejection, trials, etc.).