

New England Bible Conference - May 3rd, 2008

The Present Ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ

John 17:19 "And for their sakes I sanctify myself that they also may be sanctified through the truth"

Reading I

Comforter/Patron/Advocate - John 14:16-18; 1 John 2:1-2

- 1) Summoned, called to one's side, esp. called to one's aid
 - 2) One who pleads another's cause before a judge, a pleader, counsel for defense, legal assistant, an advocate
 - 3) One who pleads another's cause with one, an intercessor; of Christ in his exaltation at God's right hand, pleading with God the Father for the pardon of our sins
 - 4) In the widest sense, a helper, succorer, aider, assistant
- Jesus Christ when He walked on the earth, he had a special relationship with his disciples, and those who followed him.
 - Called them – Matthew 10:1-4, Mark 3:14
 - Taught them – Luke 11:1-13
 - Provided for them – Matthew 10:5-42
 - Jesus Christ is leaving the world and send another Comforter – The Holy Spirit to continue his ministry here
 - Jesus Christ ascended continues the ministry on high...

9:30 - 10:00 AM	Prayer
10:00 - 10:15 AM	Break
10:15 - 12:00 PM	Reading I
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 - 2:45 PM	Reading II
2:45 - 3:00 PM	Break
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Reading III
4:00 - 4:15 PM	Break
4:15 - 5:00 PM	Gospel or Ministry

Notes:

Reading II

High Priest - The one who stands between us and God

- Succoring - Heb 2:17 – Became like we are to raise us up
 - Merciful
 - Faithful
- Sympathetic - Heb 4:14-15 - Knows what we experience and the test we face and was victorious in all
- Saving - Heb 7:24-25 – Salvation not simply what is future, but daily deliverance
 - Brings to God
 - Intercedes
 - Holy, harmless, undefiled separate from sinners...

Reading III

Gift Giver/Nourishes - Eph 4:8-13; Eph 5:25b-27

- The Lord Jesus Christ has ministry to the collective – his body
 - Identifies with the assembly –
 - Provider of gifts to the assembly – for the edification....
 - Sanctifies through the word
 - Nourishes and cherishes