

WHAT IS JESUS DOING NOW?

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1. HE IS BUILDING

"God's unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This gave him great pleasure."

Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

"From the very beginning, God has known who'd join his family, and his plan has been for them to develop the character of Jesus and become like him. That way his Son would be the first of many brothers and sisters." Romans 8:29

"Jesus, and the people he saves and makes holy, all belong to the same family. That's why he's not ashamed to call us his brothers and sisters!" Hebrews 2:11

"You become children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And when you are baptized into Christ, you're clothed with a new identity from him. Now in Christ's family there are no divisions, such as Jew or non-Jew, slave or free, male or female. We're all equal because we share a common relationship with Jesus Christ." Galatians 3:26-28

2. HE IS KEEPING

"My people know my voice, and I know them, and they follow me, so I've given them eternal life. They can never be lost and no one can steal them out of my hand! My Father, who gave them to me, is more powerful than anyone, so nothing can snatch them away." John 10:27-28

"I know Jesus, the One in whom I have believed. So I am certain that he is able to safeguard and protect everything I've entrusted to him until that day."

2 Timothy 1:12 (NCV)

3. HE IS PRAYING

(Before the Cross) Jesus prayed for us: "I'm not praying for the whole world. I'm only praying for those you've given to me because they belong to you. Father, keep them and care for them, so they will be united just as we are . . . I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one . . . I also pray also for those who will believe in me through their testimony."

John 17:9, 11, 15, 20

"Because Jesus will never die, he'll never stop serving as our priest! He will always be able to save anyone who comes to God through him. Why? Because he is always interceding for us, asking God to help us." Hebrews 7:24-25 (NCV)

"In the same way, his Spirit also helps us in our weakness. We often don't know what or how to pray, but the Spirit also intercedes for us with deep feelings that words cannot express." Romans 8:26

4. HE IS PREPARING

Jesus: "There are many rooms in my Father's home. I am going to prepare a place for you. If this were not so, I would tell you plainly. When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am."

John 14:2-3 (NLT)

"No eye has ever seen, no ear has ever heard, and no mind has imagined the wonderful things that God has prepared for those who love him."

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)

5. HE IS WAITING FOR US TO

Jesus: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go now and make disciples of every nation, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to do everything I've commanded you. And be sure of this: I am always with you." Matthew 28:18-20

"This Good News about God's kingdom will be shared as a testimony to ALL the world and in EVERY nation. Only then will the end come." Matthew 24:14

A FUTURE SNAPSHOT OF HEAVEN

"I saw a vast crowd of people, too enormous to count, from every nation and every tribe and every people and every language, standing in front of God's throne . . . and they were singing loudly together, 'Salvation has come from our God and his Son, the Lamb!'" Revelation 7:9-10

"It makes no difference who you are or where you're from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open!" Acts 10:35 (The Message)

"To all who receive him and believe in his name, Jesus gives the right to become children of God (in God's family)." John 1:12

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