Jesus Christ and the Spiritual Life

BIBLICAL FOUNDATION
"Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday and today, yes, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

Jesus Christ yesterday = the Christ of gospel history who fulfilled the work of our redemption through his three-fold office:
- Teaching or prophetic office
- Pastoral or kindly office
- Priestly or sacrificial office

Jesus Christ today = presence sacrament
- Sacrifice sacrament
- Communion sacrament

1. Christ in the Eucharist as
   a) head of the mystical body
      - in heaven (triumphant)
      - in auricary (suffering)
   - principal agent of all the sacraments
   - principal cause of the Church's
     - teacher through his word and the hierarchy

2. Christ Indwelling in the souls of the just
   by sanctifying grace

3. Christ acting on the souls of all human beings on earth
   by actual grace to
      - enlighten our minds
      - inspire our free wills

Panorama of how Christ is related to our spiritual life

Jesus Christ forever =

1. After the last day
   "We shall be always with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:15-17).

2. A new heaven and a new earth
   (2 Peter 3:13)

3. Eternal kingdom with Christ
   "Come, blessed of my father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:34).