

Christ, Our Priest

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- Hb.1:1-3 – purged our sins
- Hb.2:17 – merciful / faithful High Priest
 1. Priest aids sinners
 2. Priest: one who can offer a sacrifice that God will accept

I. Jesus: High Priest Forever, Hb.6:20

...where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek

Sin separates from God

- Gn.3; Is.59:1-2
- OT sacrifices could restore God's favor – His wrath was averted by Jesus (propitiation)
 - Gn.4⁴, first blood sacrifice – Hb.11⁴, by faith
 - Ex.12¹³, Passover lamb: God passed over (He saw the blood)
 - Lv.1¹⁰ male, without blemish ... killed (11)
 - Is.53⁷ He was led as a Lamb to the slaughter,
And as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
So He opened not His mouth. Jn.1:29

Type – Antitype relationship

High Priest: clean, Lv.21:9-23	Jesus, Holy... Hb.7:26
Consecrated to office: Ex.29:4-5, 10-14	Consecrated to office: anointed, Mt.3, Hb.9:26
Annual atonement for people, Lv.16:3-16	One atonement for all time, Hb.9:7-14
Tabernacle, Hb.9:6-7	Church, Hb.10:21
Judge, Ps.82:6	All authority, Mt.28:18
Successors after death, Hb.7:23	He lives, Hb.7:24, 28

Branch – priest on throne

- Zec.6:13
- Ps.110:4
- Hb.7:...11, 15

If perfection came through Levitical priesthood, why need another priest after Melchizedek?

On earth: Jesus not high priest

- Hb.7:12-14; 8:4

Great High Priest

- Hb.4:14
- Over house of God, Hb.10:21

Great High Priest

- Tempted without sin, Hb.4:15 – sympathetic
- Mercy, Hb.4:15-16
 - Being tempted, He can sympathize with us
 - Being sinless, He can plead for us
- Advocate, 1 Jn.1-2. Intercession. Num.14:19
 - God knows...yet must be asked (Mt.7:...11); Ps.86:5
 - Advocate: appears in another's behalf, mediator, intercessor, helper – Hb.7:25; 9:24
 - Lk.22:31-34 – ¹satan ... ²Jesus ... [³ Peter]

Great High Priest

- Sat down in heaven
 - Not rest (10:12) . . .
 - But power (8:1) and petition (7:25)
 - Hb.8:2, minister of true tabernacle
 - Hb.8:5, heavenly – good things that have come (9:11)
 - Animal sacrifice (token-money) accepted at face value till day of settlement

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II. Jesus: High Priest Sacrifices
Himself

Mk.10:45

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many”

Jn.1:29, Lamb of God

- Priest is also sacrifice; sin-offering
- Ro.3:25-26, propitiation – a means of expiation (satisfaction)

Jesus' death – propitiation

- Is.53:5-6
 - First effect on God: satisfies holiness/wrath
 - **Sacrifice NOT** because God does not love sinners [He gave Son...] – Jn.3:16
 - Hb.2:10, **perfect through suffering**
 - God is righteous though He pardons the sinner

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III. Is Jesus Our High Priest?

- Romans 8³³ Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies
 - Satan: accuser of our brethren –
 - Rv.12¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down

- Lk.22:31-34, can we defeat satan alone?
 - God justifies
 - Jesus died, was raised, now advocates / intercedes

Rv.1⁵ from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, ⁶ and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen

1 Pt.2⁹, kingdom, priests ... royal priesthood –

Ex.19:6

OT priests	Jesus: High priest	Christians: priests
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Jesus, the King – all powerful to save...but
power alone is not enough

- Marshal may pity murderer, set him free...

To save us, Jesus the King must also be Jesus
the Priest