

Brought Unto Perfection By Our Great High Priest

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A command ?to consider? our high priest

Hebrews 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, **consider the** Apostle and **High Priest** of our profession, **Christ Jesus**.

Christ is presently our high priest

Hebrews 5:5 So also **Christ** glorified not himself **to be made an high priest**; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, **to day have I begotten thee**.

He was raised up to be our high priest

Acts 13:33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath **raised up Jesus again**; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, **this day have I begotten thee**.

Ministering in heaven

Hebrews 8:1-2 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: **We have such an high priest**, who is **set on the right hand of the throne** of the Majesty **in the heavens**; 2 **A minister of the sanctuary**, and of **the true tabernacle**, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

Learn from the Old Testament

Romans 15:4 For whatsoever **things were written aforetime** (in the OT) **were written for our learning**, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

The priesthood in Old Testament was for the chosen people of God

Exodus 29:44-45 And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: **I will sanctify** also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in **the priest?s office**. 45 And **I will dwell among the children of Israel**, and will be their God.

The children of Israel were in a covenant relationship with the Lord

Deuteronomy 7:6-8 For thou art an **holy people unto the LORD** thy God: the LORD thy **God hath chosen thee** to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. 7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: 8 But because **the LORD loved you**, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and **redeemed you** out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Israel was the church in the wilderness

Acts 7:38 This is he (Moses), that was in **the church in the wilderness** with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

The inheritance was through the priesthood

Leviticus 20:24 But I have said unto you, Ye shall **inherit their land**, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I am the LORD your God, which have **separated you** (*by the priesthood*) **from other people**.

The priest made one clean from sin

Leviticus 16:30 For on that day shall **the priest** make an atonement for you, **to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins** before the LORD.

This priesthood was an example or shadow

Hebrews 8:4-5 For if He (Christ) were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are **priests** that offer gifts

according to the law: 5 Who (**Levitical priests**) **serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things**, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

A change in the priesthood

Hebrews 7:12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

Jesus ?the Son of God? became our great high priest

Hebrews 4:14 Since then **we have a great high priest** who has passed through the heavens, **Jesus the Son of God**, let us hold fast our confession.

A great high priest over the house of God

Hebrews 10:21 And since we have **a great priest over the house of God**.

The house of God is the church

1 Timothy 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in **the house of God, which is the church** of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

The Levitical priesthood made no one perfect

Hebrews 10:1 For **the law** (*including the Levitical priesthood*) having **a shadow** of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, **can never with those sacrifices** which they offered year by year continually **make the comers thereunto perfect**.

To be made perfect is related to faith and the promise

Hebrews 11:39-40 And these all, having obtained a good report **through faith**, received **not the promise**: 40 God **having provided some better thing for us**, that they without us should **not be made perfect**.

Made perfect by a better hope

Hebrews 7:19 For the law made nothing **perfect**, but the bringing in of **a better hope did**; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

Perfection defined

Matthew 19:21,23,28-29 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt **be perfect**, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have **treasure in heaven**: and come and follow me. 23 Then said Jesus **unto his disciples**, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly **enter into the kingdom of heaven**. 28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration (?the thousand years,? Rev.20:4) **when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory**, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging [ruling] the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name?s sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and **shall inherit everlasting age-lasting life**.

To be perfect: the prize of Christ?s glorious resurrection

Philippians 3:11-14 If by any means **I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead**. 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already **perfect**: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto **those things which are before**, 14 I press toward the mark for **the prize of the high calling** of God in Christ Jesus. 21 Who shall change **our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body**, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Preaching ? warning ? teaching

Colossians 1:28 Whom we **preach, warning** every man, and **teaching** every man in all wisdom; that **we may present every man perfect** in Christ Jesus:

Perfection by our great high priest

Hebrews 7:11 If therefore **perfection** were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that **another priest should rise** after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order

of Aaron?

We have an advocate with the Father

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And **if any man sin, we have an advocate** with the Father, **Jesus Christ** the righteous.

Justified by His blood

Romans 5:9 Much more then (*beyond the death on the cross*), being now **justified by his blood** (*by our Advocate*), we shall be **saved from wrath** through him.

Unclean shall not inherit the kingdom

Ephesians 5:5 For this ye know, that **no** whoremonger, nor **unclean person**, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, **hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ** and of God.

The Wrath of God upon disobedience

Ephesians 5:6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

Christ made perfect through sufferings

Hebrews 2:10 For it became Him (*God the Father*), for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in **bringing many sons unto glory**, to make the captain (*Jesus*) of their salvation (*into the world to come v.5*) **perfect through sufferings**.

Our high priest is touched with our weaknesses

Hebrews 4:15 For we have not **an high priest** which cannot be **touched with** the feeling of **our infirmities**; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

A merciful and faithful high priest

Hebrews 2:17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren, that He might be **a merciful and faithful High Priest** in things *pertaining* to God, to make **propitiation for the sins of the people**.

Perfection by one offering

Hebrews 10:14 For **by one offering** (*Christ's blood on the mercy seat*) **He** (*our high priest*) hath **perfected** to the end those (*that are being- present tense*) **sanctified** (YLT).

Christ is ?the propitiation? for ?us? the elect Gentiles

1 John 2:2 And He is **the propitiation** (*by His own blood offering*) for our (*elect Jews*) sins: and not for ours only, but also **for the sins of the whole world** (*elect Gentiles*).

The apostle John ministered to the circumcision

Galatians 2:9 And when James, Cephas, and **John**, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and **they unto the circumcision**.

1st John is written to Jewish disciples of Christ

1 John 2:7 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which **ye have heard from the beginning**.

Gentiles did not hear from the beginning

Matthew 10:5-6 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, **Go not into the way of the Gentiles,** and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of **the house of Israel.**

?The whole world? can be limited in scope

Romans 1:8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout **the whole world.**

An example of propitiation

Numbers 16:46-48 And Moses said unto **Aaron** (the high priest), Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto **the congregation** (for God's people had sinned against the Lord), and **make an atonement** (propitiation) **for them:** for there is **wrath** gone out **from the LORD;** the plague is begun. 47 And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and **made an atonement for the people** [of God]. 48 And **he** (as high priest) **stood between** the dead and the living; and **the plague was stayed.**

Now being saved from wrath to come

1 Thessalonians 1:10 And to wait for **his Son** from heaven, whom **he raised from the dead** (*to be our great high priest*), even Jesus, which delivered **continually delivering** (*present tense*) **us from the wrath to come.**

Perfected by His blood to be kings and priests

Revelation 1:5-6 And from Jesus Christ, who is **the faithful witness** (1st coming), and **the first begotten of the dead** (now as high priest in heaven), and the prince [ruler] **of the kings of the earth** (2nd coming). Unto him that loved us, and **washed us from our sins in his own blood,** 6 And hath made us **kings and priests** unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

To reign on the earth

Revelation 5:10 And hast made us unto our God **kings and priests:** and we **shall reign on the earth.**

For one thousand years

Revelation 20:4 ?they lived and **reigned** with Christ **a thousand years.**?