

Jesus Christ: Our Priest

Hebrews 5:1-10

Even as we are to behold the glory of the Lord as our Prophet (John 1:14-18), so we need to glory in the Lord as our Priest (Galatians 6:14). What is the work of a priest? ...It is to restore and maintain our fellowship with God. Sin has separated us from having a peaceful relationship with God. God's satisfaction can only be attained through a sinless sacrifice being made for us. Christ has reconciled us (made peace between God and us) by offering Himself as the one-time offering for our sins (Hebrews 9:22-28; 10:10-14; Romans 5:1-10). A priest not only offers sacrifices, but serves as a representative (a mediator) between God and man. It is God's desire to dwell in closeness with His people. The priesthood of Christ enables us to have that intimate relationship with God (Exodus 25:8; 29:44-45 cp. John 14:1,6,23; I John 1:1-4). What Christ has done for us on the Cross and what Christ is doing for us, after the resurrection, is the subject of this study.

Christ: A man prepared to be our high priest. (Hebrews 5:1-10)

See also Hebrews 2:10-11; 4:14-16; I Timothy 2:5-6

Christ: A minister of the heavenly sanctuary. (Hebrews 8:1-2)

His ministry is God-ward: representing man to God. (Hebrews 9:11-14)

His ministry is man-ward: representing God to man. (Hebrews 10:19-22)

Christ is God's perfect man and man's perfect God.

Christ opens the door of acceptance and fellowship with God. Note the work of the priesthood in Deuteronomy 10:8

Christ: The mediator of the New Covenant. (Hebrews 8:6)

What is the New Covenant? (Hebrews 8:10-13)

As a mediator, Christ sees that the New Covenant is fulfilled (like the executor of a will). See Hebrews 9:15-17 cp. Romans 8:34, 38-39

What does Revelation 1:5-6 tell us about how we should live and serve God?