

Christ as Priest

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Christ is our great High Priest who offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for sin and now intercedes for His people at the Father's right hand. Unlike Levitical priests who offered repeatedly and for their own sins first, Christ offered one sacrifice—Himself—once for all. He is both the priest who offers and the lamb who is offered. His priesthood is not Levitical but after the order of Melchizedek—eternal, royal, and without predecessor or successor. Having passed through the heavens, He sympathizes with our weaknesses, having been tempted in all points yet without sin. We therefore approach the throne of grace boldly through Him.

Key Verses

Hebrews 4:14-15

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. 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.

Hebrews 7:24-25

But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 9:11-12

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands... Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Hebrews 10:12

But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.

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.

Romans 8:34

Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

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