

Hebrews 5 : Christ is the only Glorified Priest

New Section : chap 5 - 10 (this is the longest section of Paul's epistle)

Topic : Priesthood of Christ rb - 2:17, 3:1, 4:14

Review : Jesus Christ is "The Son of God", and as such, he is superior to
The prophets (ch 1), the angels (ch 1-2),
Moses (ch 3), Joshua (ch 4) ,

In this chapter Paul teaches that Christ is superior to Aaron.

5:1-3 Opens with the contrast of the Levitical priests-

(a) they represent men toward God in prayers and offerings

e.g. Lev 1:7-8, 2:9

(b) they also make offering for themselves - Lev 4:3-4, 5:14-15

compare pagan priests: *Babylon Mystery Religion*, R. Woodrow, 1966 (chap 11)

Jesus Christ is a **Great High Priest** for seven reasons :

1. 4:14 He is *the Son of God* = his divinity
2. 4:15, 5:5 " *without sin...glorified...holy* (7:26) = his humanity
3. 5:6 " *after the order of Mechisedec* (i.e. to all mankind)
4. 7:20-21 He was *made a priest with an oath from God*
5. 9:14-15 He offered the perfect blood sacrifice
6. 7:25 He provides access to God in heaven
7. 7:24 He has an eternal, *unchangeable priesthood*

5:5 ...**Christ glorified** {1st ref } Lev 10:3, Isa 44:23
John 1:14, 7:39, 13:31 Acts 3:13