

Christ Is the Great High Priest (Part II): The Qualifications of a True Priest Hebrews 05: 01 – 10

1. *The qualifications for a man to be a High Priest*

- a. He must represent men before God
- b. He must offer gifts and sacrifices
- c. He must be able to deal gently with men
- d. He must offer sacrifices for sins — his own sins and the people's sins
- e. He must be God-appointed, not self-appointed

2. *The qualifications to be the great High Priest were met by Christ*

- a. Christ was born, as Man:
Appointed and sent by God
 - 1) Proof 1: God's Word
 - 2) Proof 2: God's oath that His Son was to be a priest
- b. Christ sacrificed Himself and He suffered bitterly
- c. Christ willingly suffered for man:
He sacrificed Himself
- d. Christ was made perfect:
He became the Source of eternal salvation
- e. Christ was appointed High Priest by God

- 1 Every high priest is selected from among men and is appointed to represent them in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.
- 2 He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness.
- 3 This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people.
- 4 No one takes this honour upon himself; he must be called by God, just as Aaron was.
- 5 So Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father."
- 6 And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."
- 7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.
- 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered
- 9 And, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him
- 10 And was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.