

Immature Once Again

Text: Hebrews 5

Introduction

1) Jesus Qualified To Be Our _____

Verses 1-10

A. There were _____ qualifications of a High Priest (v1-4)

a) He had to be 'human' and 'appoint' to that position.

b) The writer takes them back to the office of High Priest under the law of Moses.

- [Exodus 28:1](#) "1 And take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons."
- [Leviticus 17:1-8](#)
- It came with great price to reject God's selection. They would face God's wrath ([Numbers 16:1-15](#); [1Samuel 13:5-14](#); [2Chronicles 26:16-23](#))

B. Jesus was _____ by God to be our High Priest (v5-6)

- [Psalm 2:7](#) "7 I will declare the decree: The Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; This day have I begotten thee."
- [Psalm 110:4](#) "4 The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever After the order of Melchizedek."

C. Jesus was able to _____ as High Priest (v7-10)

a) Compare Jesus' prayer prior to and after the Last Supper

- (Before) [John 12:27](#) "27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour."
- (After) [Matthew 26:38](#) "38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me."
- [Acts 2:32](#) "32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses."
- [Acts 4:10](#) "10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole."
- [Acts 10:40](#) "40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;"
- [Acts 13:30](#) "30 But God raised him from the dead:"

D. Jesus was _____ in His sympathy as High Priest

a) Jesus' experience of trials were perfected at Calvary

b) Jesus' experience of resurrection perfects our salvation

- [Romans 6:17](#) "17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you."
- [Romans 10:16](#) "16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?"
- [Romans 16:25-27](#) "25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, 26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the

commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: 27 To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.”

2) Believers Not _____ Enough For Deeper Truth

A. _____ had caught up with them

a) They ‘became’ dull of hearing. (v11)

b) They needed to be taught again (v12)

c) They had to go back to the basics

- Example: [1 Corinthians 3:1–4](#) “1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? 4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?”

B. They were purposed to

Conclusion

- Here are some beneficial observations of spiritual maturity provided by Hutson Smelley:
 - Maturity is not equivalent to knowledge of the Bible, but maturity presupposes knowledge of the Bible.
 - Our learning of the Bible can far outpace our spiritual growth.
 - Maturity is knowing the Word and living life on the basis of what God says reality is.
 - In the spiritual growth process, you are either moving forward or back.
 - Milk is not so much about the topic under consideration, but the depth to which the topic is explored.