

ADVENT 2016

Offices of Christ

Christ the Priest

Hebrews 5:1-10

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty God, You appointed Christ our great high priest who acts on our behalf. So that in Christ we have a continual, compassionate Savior who sits in your very presence interceding for us with earnest prayers and supplications because he knows our weaknesses and temptations. Christ also offers himself as our final sacrifice to satisfy your necessary and sure justice and so reconcile us to yourself that we may meet with you and dwell in your presence for eternity. Thank you, Lord, for bringing us to yourself through the blood of Christ. Turn our hearts this morning, Lord, to draw near to the throne of grace with confidence that we may find grace to help us in our time of need and come to our great high priest who is the source of eternal salvation with joy, hope, faith and great anticipation awaiting that day when we will be with him in His kingdom. Amen & Amen.

Central Textual Truth

The Hebrews are to trust Christ, God's qualified great high Priest.

Central Sermon Aim

I want to encourage SGBC to trust Christ, God's qualified great high priest.

OUTLINE

1. Qualifications of High Priest (vv. 1-4)
 - A. Function: Act on Behalf of Men
 - B. Compassion: Obligated to Gently Deal with Men
 - C. Selection: Called by God for Men
2. Qualifications of Christ (vv. 5-10)
 - A. Selection: Appointed by God as Son
 - B. Compassion: Experienced Humanity through Suffer
 - C. Function: Perfected as Source of Eternal Salvation