

Hebrews 7.1-3

Priest Eternal

The eternal nature of Christ gives Him a power and authority that no other can ever hope to equal. The truth of the matter is that all other authorities are false. Any other who claims to have access to God is lying - to themselves and to their followers. Only Jesus Christ can bring us to God, for He alone is the way unto the Father. *John 14:6 (NKJV)* ⁶ *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

The simple truth that flows then out of that idea is that we must relate to God through Him, or we do not relate to God at all. You do not have the divine inside you that will allow you to find a new path to God. No other prophet or priest will ever be able to teach you an alternate road to find peace with God. It is only through Jesus that peace with God exists. *Romans 5:1 (NKJV)* ¹ *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...* This is the result of His priesthood and is the glory that belongs to Him alone. He will not share it with another.

I. WITHOUT BEGINNING OF DAYS

Colossians 1.15 - 18

A. Supremacy in time –

John 17:5 (NKJV)⁵ And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

B. Supremacy in authority

Philippians 2:10–11 (NKJV)¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

C. Supremacy in purpose

Acts 2:23 (NKJV)²³ Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;

Acts 2:36 (NKJV)³⁶ “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

Acts 4:10–12 (NKJV)¹⁰ let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you

whole. ¹¹ This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' ¹² Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

II. WITHOUT END OF LIFE

A. Endless in rule -

1Timothy 1:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

B. Endless in scope -

Revelation 19:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

C. Endless in impact -

Hebrews 10:8–10 (NKJV) ⁸ Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the law), ⁹ then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second. ¹⁰ By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

a) Complete and set aside the law

- b) Satisfied the purpose of God
- c) Saves and sanctifies forever
- d) Eternally transforms how we relate to God

- From enemy to child
- From hater to lover
- From evil to righteous
- From guilty to forgiven
- From death to life everlasting

D. Endless in worth –

Revelation 5.8-14

III. MADE LIKE THE SON OF GOD

A. Absolute equality with God -

John 5:18 (NKJV) ¹⁸ Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

Philippians 2:5–7 (NKJV) ⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

B. Absolute perfection in nature -

Ephesians 4.11-16

- a) So much so that imitation of Him is the only perfection that exists
- b) The whole church is the manifestation of HIS perfection
- c) He is presenting before the Father, the fullness of His perfection in us

C. Absolute perfection in understanding

John 5:20 (NKJV) ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

Hebrews 2:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰ For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Hebrews 5:9 (NKJV) ⁹ And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

D. Absolute perfection in power

Matthew 28:18 (NKJV) ¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

IV. A PRIEST CONTINUALLY

A. Ongoing perfected work, without cessation and without change. Nothing will ever alter what Christ has done and what He has accomplished.

B. Power to forgive -

Matthew 9:4–6 (NKJV) ⁴ But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵ For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise and walk’? ⁶ But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—then He said to the paralytic, “Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”

C. Able to save all who are under His authority

Hebrews 7:25 (NKJV) ²⁵ Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

D. Able to intercede forever for all who are His own

E. Never without access to the Father –

John 10.25-30

F. Complete in Himself

1. Has no need of any other to make intercession for Him

2. Has no need of any other to grant Him access
3. Has no need of any other to teach Him to know and honor God

V. A PRIEST ETERNALLY

A. A natural and consistent outflow is that He is eternally a priest

1. He is slain from the foundation of the world

Revelation 13:8 (NKJV) ⁸ All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

B. This also means that He has ALWAYS been the one who allows access to the Father

1. His priesthood is both earned and inherent
2. It is in His very nature to be the leader of all worship of God

C. Eternity is inclusive of eternity past and future

D. He is the only priest we will ever need and the only priest we will every have

E.No other can be a priest like Him