

Hebrews 5.5-10

Addressed as High Priest

The glory of Christ as High priest is beyond our understanding, God recognized His completion and perfection and in calling Him high priest, He magnified Him and exalted Him and displayed Him as Christ our priest. It was not until after the death and resurrection of Jesus that He completed the work and was thus officially recognized by God AS High Priest, for His suffering and the glory from that death was the key to His right to the title.

I. DUTIES OF THE PRIEST –

Before we can really get our head around this richest of blessings, we need to understand a little something of the duties of the priesthood.

a. Priest offered the sacrifices on behalf of the people

Leviticus 1.7-9,13, 17
Leviticus 2.1-2, 7-9, 14-16

- b. Priest burned the incense of prayer on behalf of the people

Exodus 30 1.-10

- c. Priest sanctified the people for service to God

Leviticus 16.29-34

- d. Priest stood between God and the people, warding off the wrath of God for their sin

Leviticus 16.20-22

II. SACRIFICE

Christ offered and WAS the sacrifice

Colossians 1.19-22
Hebrews 13.10-14

III. INCENSE

His name is the sure authority to know that our prayers are heard,(incense)

Revelation 5.8

John 16.23-28

1Timothy 2.5-6

IV. UNDERSTANDING

We have been given the Spirit who will help us know the will of God

John 16.13-15

V. PRAYER

The Spirit dwelling in us also helps us pray and carries our prayers to the Father

Romans 8.26-27

VI. SANCTIFIED

We have been sanctified by God through Christ-

1Corinthians 6.9-11

- Cleansed
- Washed
- Made holy
- Given a calling and purpose

VII. NEW RELATIONSHIP

Our relationship to God has been altered because of Jesus.

a. We were formerly held at a distance, approaching God only through a human intermediary. The priest... but now are invited, no commanded to come boldly before the throne of Grace

Hebrews 10.19-23

b. but now we are sons and daughters, and as such, we are accepted by and acceptable to our Holy Father God.

Romans 8.14-17

c. And there is only One Father, and certainly only one HOLY Father

Matthew 23.2-12

John 17.11

VIII. A NATION OF PRIESTS

Christ our High priest has made us a nation of priests

Revelation 5.9-10

1Peter 2.4-10

IX. HE HAS MADE US ACCEPTABLE

not merely warding off the wrath but consuming it,
thus finishing any portion of God's wrath on our
behalf

Isaiah 53.4-6

Ephesians 2.14-18

Colossians 2.11-15