

# In the Knowledge of HIM

*Getting Reacquainted with Jesus (Ephesians 1:17)*

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## Jesus the Priest

*Hebrews 4:14-16*

*The writer of Hebrews has one goal in mind: to persuade the Jewish Christians not to turn back from their faith in Jesus. He wants them to hold on to what is \_\_\_\_\_ and not revert to what is \_\_\_\_\_. The author reminds his audience that Christ is higher than Moses (3:1-6) and that the priesthood of Jesus is greater than that of Aaron in respect to...*

### *His POWER*

*Hebrews 7:16* reinforces the difference between the bases of authority of the Levites and the Lord. The previous priests served simply because they traced their ancestry back to Levi. Their priesthood stood on a precept of \_\_\_\_\_, but Jesus' priesthood stands on the power of \_\_\_\_\_! The old priesthood had no real power because its priests had no \_\_\_\_\_, but Jesus does. His unending life assures our salvation and constant intercession on our behalf (7:24-25).

### *His PASSAGE*

*While the sons of Levi passed into the \_\_\_\_\_ representation, the Son of God has passed into the \_\_\_\_\_ reality, heaven itself. His passage into the glorious realm is the hope that we hold onto (6:19-20). He is the \_\_\_\_\_, the Predecessor who paves the way for us. Because Jesus went, we know that we can go, too!*

### *His PERFECTION*

*Hebrews 7:26* tells us that the only High Priest "fitting" for us is Jesus, precisely because of His \_\_\_\_\_. The imperfect priests of the old covenant had sins of their own to atone for along with those of the people, but Jesus, being holy and blameless, did what they couldn't do. It \_\_\_\_\_ perfection to \_\_\_\_\_ perfection (10:1).

## *His PITY*

Watch how good God is: He Himself became a partaker of the \_\_\_\_\_ nature so that we could become partakers of the \_\_\_\_\_ nature! Read **Hebrews 2:14-18**. The only way to destroy death was for Him to die, and the only way for Him to die was to take on flesh. Furthermore, the only way for Him to \_\_\_\_\_ those who are tempted was to \_\_\_\_\_ the same temptation. As our merciful and faithful High Priest, His pity for us comes from His personal participation in our predicament!

## *His POSITION*

**Hebrews 8:1-5** shows us that our High Priest is in place at the right hand of the Father's throne in heaven. That glorious realm is referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_ tabernacle, God's **real** spiritual dwelling place, not just the mere \_\_\_\_\_ of that place that the earthly tabernacle was. From this position, our great Priest is poised to pass our gifts up to God (v. 3) and to pass God's gifts down to us (**Ephesians 4:8**).

## *His PROPITIATION*

The old priesthood fell short because of the nature of its sacrifices: the animal blood that was offered could not take away the sins of the people (**Hebrews 10:3-14**). Whereas the old priests could only offer a \_\_\_\_\_ for the sins of the people, our great High Priest Jesus offers \_\_\_\_\_ from our sins once and for all!