

Hebrews: The Complete Work of Christ  
Jesus, the Perfect High Priest  
Hebrews 7:23-28

We have a hard time relying on others to do certain things for us, especially if we think we can do them ourselves, and especially if we think we can do them better. Even if a particular need can only be met with the help of someone else, we want to be able to pay or at the very least reciprocate the kindness in some way because we just don't want to feel obligated to someone. We are taught to be self-made and self-reliant. We might get away with that mindset in this world and in this life, but that same attitude will keep us from the kingdom Christ is preparing for us. The only way we can enter that kingdom is with help from Him.

1. The power of Jesus is perfect.
2. The nature of Jesus is perfect.
3. The sacrifice of Jesus is perfect.
4. The appointment of Jesus is perfect.

God has gone to great lengths to restore the relationship for which we were originally created. We were made to know God, to glorify Him, and to enjoy Him forever. Only Christ, the perfect High Priest, makes a way for us to accept the invitation of the Father to come into His presence. We cannot get there any other way. The fact that Jesus is necessary releases us from the burden of performance and allows us to rest in the fact that not only is Jesus perfect, but His perfection also means He is sufficient.

For further consideration:

What was the role of the priest in ancient Israel, and how does Christ fulfill that role? In what ways is Christ's priesthood superior to the Aaronic Levitical priesthoods? What was lacking in these previous priesthoods? How does the permanence and the perfection of Christ's priesthood impact our relationship with God? How does Jesus function as a mediator on your behalf? How should His intercessory role as mediator affect the way we pray? Why is Christ's sacrifice better than the sacrifices offered in the law? How does the sacrificial system in general and Christ's sacrifice in particular demonstrate the costliness of sin and the seriousness of sin?