**Jesus Christ the great high priest - Heb. 5: 5 - 10**

**Focal Truth: Jesus Christ is the perfect high priest**

1. **Imperfect men served as high priests for Israel – 1 – 4**

**Aaron’s priesthood pointed to a greater high priest – Jesus Christ**

1. Every high priest is appointed on behalf of people in things pertaining to God -1
2. Every high priest offers on behalf of people gifts & sacrifices for sins - 1
3. Every high priest deals gently with the ignorant & misguided because he also has weaknesses -2
4. Every high priest is obligated to offer sacrifices for the sins of the people & his own sins – 3
5. No high priest takes the honor of high priest on his own, but receives the honor of high priesthood as a call by God, like Aaron was called to be high priest for Israel – 4
6. **Jesus Christ is the perfect & eternal high priest because God appointed him – 5 - 10**
7. Christ did not glorify himself to become a high priest – 5
8. He did not glorify Himself to become to become a high priest
9. He humbled himself to become a high priest - Phil 2: 6 -7 – he was in the form of God but made himself of no reputation
10. He did not become a high priest by his own will or authority
11. Christ the promised Messiah is the great high priest – 5

Christ = promised One – Anointed One

As the eternal Son of God – you are my Son

**Ps. 2:7 – You are My Son, Today I have begotten you**

1. God the Father glorified Christ as high priest in prophecy

**Ps.110:4 – as high priest from the order of Melchizedek – King Priest**

1. Christ became an eternal high priest by the appointment of God the Father – 6

Christ was called like Aaron was called

Christ was sent to be high priest by God’s appointment

**Christ is qualified to serve as high priest – by God the Father’s calling**

1. **Jesus Christ is the perfect & eternal high priest because He suffered & became the sacrifice for sins while on the earth 7 -10**
2. Christ while on the earth offered up prayers & supplications with crying & tears to God who could save him from death – 7

Christ experienced all the frailties of human nature in the days of his flesh

My God, My God why have you forsaken me? – Strong Crying

He cried out with a loud cry from the cross

1. Christ offered himself as the sacrifice for our sins – strong crying & tears to the One able to save Him from death

He agonized in this world – as the sacrifice for sins

In agony he prayed in the garden – Not my will but yours be done

1. Christ as the Son of God learned obedience while on earth from the things which He suffered – 8

He became obedient to death, even death on the cross

He learned obedience – he understood the struggle of the human condition

1. Christ when He completed His work on the cross He became the source of eternal salvation to those who believe & obey Him – 9
2. Christ is designated by God as high priest according to the order – linage – line of Melchizedek – 10

He reigns today as King – Priest in heaven for the church!

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. **God has provided the church with an eternal & perfect high priest – Jesus Christ the Lord**
2. **All praise to our eternal & perfect high priest – Jesus Christ the Lord – Rev. 1: 5 -6**
3. **Jesus Christ the eternal & perfect high priest suffered as the sacrifice for sin giving salvation to all who will believe in Him.**

**To the praise of the glory of His name! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**