

“A WEARY WORLD REJOICES”:  
CHRIST REDEEMS US THROUGH HIS SACRIFICE  
(Christ is Priest – Heb. 1:1-3; 9)

Prophet: v. 1,2; Heb. 2:3     Priest: v. 3; 2:17     King: v.2,3; 2:9

Christ is not only our High Priest, offering the once-for-all sacrifice for sin – He IS HIMSELF that sacrifice.

I. CHRIST AS PRIEST REPRESENTS \_\_\_\_\_ TO US – “Truth” - John 1:14

Rom. 3:23 – “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

“...without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness” (Hebrews 9:22, NIV).

Lev.17:11 - "For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life" (NIV).

Hebrews 10:4 - "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins."

II. CHRIST AS PRIEST REPRESENTS \_\_\_\_\_ TO GOD – “Grace” – John 1:14; Heb. 9

A. He is our \_\_\_\_\_

Heb. 9:26 – “But now He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of Himself.” Heb. 9:11-14; Heb. 9:24 – He appeared \_\_\_\_\_

John 1:29 (John the Baptist) Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world.

Romans 5:6-8 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

I Pet.1:18-19, "...But you were saved from that useless life. You were bought, not with something that ruins like gold or silver, but with the precious blood of Christ, who was like a pure and perfect lamb" (NCV). A weary world rejoices!

B. He is our High Priest

1) He made a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice

Heb. 7:26,27 - <sup>26</sup>Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.<sup>27</sup> Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

Heb. 10:11 - Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, **He sat down** at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup>and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. <sup>14</sup>For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

2) He gives us access to the \_\_\_\_\_

Heb. 4:14 - Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Heb. 10:19-25 - <sup>19</sup>Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

