

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for November 2, 2014**

**Christ, the Qualified and Perfect High Priest**  
**Hebrews 5:7-10**

Christ's priesthood is superior to all other priesthoods (Hebrews 4:14-10:18).

The author of Hebrews in Hebrews 4:14-16 focused his readers on Christ's heavenly high priestly ministry.

The superiority of Christ's priesthood can be divided into two parts.

The first part addresses the Son's appointment as high priest according to the order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 5:1-10, 7:1-28).

The author in Hebrews 5:1-10 began with a simple introduction.

The author in Hebrews 5:1-4 outlined for his readers universal principles of high priesthood.

The high priests were taken from among men (Hebrews 5:1).

The role of the high priest was to represent the children of Israel in matters related to God, especially pertaining to gifts and sacrifices (Hebrews 5:1).

The high priest's weakness enabled him to deal gently with the people (Hebrews 5:2-3).

God by divine appointment conferred the office of high priest (Hebrews 5:4).

The author in Hebrews 5:5-6, seeking to establish that Christ was in fact a divinely appointed high priest, focused on the glory bestowed by God on His Son when He appointed His Son as high priest.

The author in Hebrews 5:7-10, after explaining the glory that God bestowed on His Son when He appointed Him high priest, went on to describe Christ's path to that appointment.

Christ's path to his divine appointment as high priest was suffering, obedience, and perseverance.

The reverential fear that led to Christ's complete abandonment of His will to His Father in the midst of suffering was the reason why His Father answered His prayers.

He “learned obedience” means that the Son arrived “at a new experience” in respect to obedience as He passed through the school of suffering.

Christ having been “made perfect” referred to Christ’s graduation from the school of suffering after persevering and successfully completing His work of redemption.

May God give us the grace to understand that the help we need to successfully walk the path of suffering, obedience, and perseverance is available to us through Christ our great heavenly high priest.