

WHO'S THE GREATEST?
(Letter to the Hebrews)

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CHRIST'S COMPLETE WORK
(Hebrews 10:1-18)

AN IMPERFECT SHADOW (1-4)

- The Old Testament Law is an imperfect shadow of Jesus Christ, who is the express image of God. (*1; Rom 3:21; 2 Cor 3:7-11; Heb 1:3*)
- The Law does not perfect sinners, but reminds them of their guilt. (*2-3; Rom 3:20*)
- Animal blood cannot take away human sins. (*4*)

GOD'S DESIRE (5-9)

- God's ultimate desire was not for Old Testament sacrifices and offerings, but for His Son to take on human form and do His will. (*Jn 6:38-39*)

FINISHED, PERFECT & COMPLETE (10-14)

- Unlike the Old Testament priests, Christ's work (concerning our sins) is finished and complete, thereby perfecting forever those who trust in Him. (*Jn 19:30*)

SINS REMEMBERED NO MORE (15-18)

- Christ is the Mediator of a new covenant, in which our sins are forgiven and remembered no more by God – no further offering is required. (*Heb 8:6*)

Is Your Priest Standing or Sitting?

Who is your representative (priest) before God? When the day comes that you will face Him, who will you count on to plead your case? Will you try to justify yourself before a righteous and holy God? If not, whom will you rely on?

If your advocate is anyone other than Jesus Christ, then you are counting on someone who has not (and cannot) finish the work required by God. Jesus Christ has satisfied God's righteous desire for justice – in Him (and only in Him) do we have the forgiveness of sins. Through faith, God puts us in Christ, seated at His right hand (Ephesians 2:6).

As a believer, are you working for things that Christ has already finished and gave you? We all want things like love, peace and patience, but where are you looking for them? Often, we settle for mere shadows of these things by trying to obtain them from this world by our own effort. If we do this, we are a “standing priest” – the work is never finished, the goal never achieved. As Christians, we learn not to rely on “self” (Romans 7:18) and not to “love the world” (1 John 2:15). Instead, we learn to trust in the One in whom we find completeness, the Lord Jesus Christ (Colossians 2:10).

*“...you are complete in Him”
(Colossians 2:10)*