

Heb 7:19 For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

Perfect, in this text, means: *to complete, to accomplish, to consummate, to consecrate, finish, fulfil*. Looking at the definitions of perfect, we see a picture; not noticed before. Do you remember the scriptures in:

- ***Isa 1:11 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.*** God is reminding Israel; you are coming to me with ritual only. Your hearts and minds are not clean and you are not following my commandments. Therefore, your sacrifices are an abomination to me.
- ***Heb 9:2 For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. 3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; 4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; 5 And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercy seat; of which we cannot now speak particularly. 6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. 7 But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: 8 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: 9 Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; 10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. 11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; 12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. 13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.***

It is easily discernable, from these texts; to see it was Christ, who brought perfection (completion) of the sacrificial, and ceremonial law, to its prophetic purpose, which was the revealing of Jesus as the Christ, and the revealing of salvation by grace.

We can only "***draw nigh***" (draw nigh means; *to draw near, to approach*) to God, through and by the power of Christ. This is why Christ told us to ask in his name in: ***Joh 14:11-15; 11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. 12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. 13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. 15 If***

ye love me, keep my commandments. Now, a reminder, that what you ask must be in accordance to God's will and purpose. Jesus is here speaking of doing the works of God, not about amassing wealth and worldly goods, nor about self-satisfaction, only, about doing God's will.

Heb 7:20-25; 20 And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: 21 (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec:) 22 By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. 23 And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: 24 But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. 25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

This, I had not thought upon, until reading in John Bunyan's writings. Now I see a picture; the natural priests, of the Levitical priesthood, were not made priests by a covenant promise, but simply by commandment of God. These priests all died natural deaths, and had to be replaced continually. Jesus Christ was made a Priest by the covenant promise of God, as demonstrated in this text, and since he is eternal, there is no need for, and there is no replacement for him. Jesus paid it all!

Do you now see? Christ is at the right hand of the Father God; when we commit sin, Christ is there to intercede for us. He has only to say to God the Father; here is the blood of my own sacrifice, which is of the highest value, by testimony, as seen in: "**Joh 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.**" Jesus is our friend, indeed, for truly, he fulfilled this testimony, by giving of his own life for our salvation. Wherefore, he can intercede on our behalf to God the Father.

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him" We notice; Jesus can save them that come unto him, even to the uttermost. Uttermost, by definition means: *full-ended, entire*. Quite simply put; Jesus is able to save any person who comes to him, no matter how dreadful a sinner we may consider them to be. After all, he saved me! I believe we can see two things in this definition:

- Christ can save, no matter how terrible we consider the sins committed.
- Christ blood, and power, is sufficient to continue to save sinners until the end of time.

"that come unto God by him" Well now; this is not a Primitive Baptist doctrine, some will say. I would remind you what scripture teaches us in: **Re 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.** We see here; a picture of Jesus standing, at the door of the heart and soul of a man, and knocking for entrance. Do you know that a dead person cannot open the door? Wherefore, we see that it is a person, who has already been born again by the power of God, who can open the door to Christ. Those who are alive can make choices. Those who are dead have no way to make a choice.

Jesus is the door by which we are given entrance to the new heaven and the new earth in eternity. We stated earlier, "Jesus paid it all". Not only did he pay it all, he did it all. Remember what he said of himself in scripture? **Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.** Christ has provided for us:

- Remission of sins and salvation by grace,
- The church, in time, as a temporary dwelling place,

- Christ demonstrated the way we are to walk and live as Christians
- He is truth, and has left us the written truth, the bible, we can believe him completely and without doubt,
- He is the author of our eternal life, in the giving of the new birth,
- He is the only way; to get to the eternal presence of God, and the eternal place he has gone to prepare for us.

Heb 7:26-28; 26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; 27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. 28 For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.

Now do you see; all that Christ accomplished was for an eternal purpose, and was accomplished eternally? That is why; He only had to die once, for the remission of sins, and they were remitted forever. He only had to give his life once, for the salvation, of each one God the Father gave unto to him to save. When you are born again, you are given eternal life; this need never be done again because it is an eternal work, accomplished by Christ. What great, and abundant, blessings; God, the Father, hath bestowed upon all his people in God the Son, our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Praise the Lord, for the eternal security of the believer in Jesus Christ, our High Priest Forever!
Hallelujah!