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**Anchors for the storm #5**

# **Knowing The Work of Christ**

**Anchors for the storm:** Key truths that anchor us to Christ, help us navigate life and enable us to glorify the Lord.

Good morning! Welcome to Harvest! I greet you in the name of the Lord and from His word, by his servant King David from **Psalms 1:1-2 (ESV)**

**Blessed is the man (or woman)  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
2 but his (their) delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he (they) meditates day and night.**

Thank you for being here!

**Let's pray!**

## **Introduction:**

Did you know that Jesus came to fulfill 3 specific roles of ministry? He came:

- 1) As **Prophet (One Like Moses)**: the prophet speaks God's word to the people - (2 Sam 7:2) Jesus as prophet reveals God to us. (John 17:8,14)
- 2) As **Priest (The Great High Priest)**: the priest offered sacrifices, prayers, and praise on behalf of the people - (2 Sam 30:7); as priest he both offers a sacrifice to God on our behalf and is himself the sacrifice that is offered; and (John 17:9; Eph 5:26-27)
- 3) As **King (King of kings)**: ruled over the people of God as God's representative; (2 Sam 5:3) As King Jesus rules, oversees, and governs his kingdom (John 16:36; 1 Tim 6:12)

Our church's 5th statement of faith declares this truth about Jesus' work:

## **5. The Work of Jesus Christ**

We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.

Believing this and making this declaration speaks to the work of Jesus as our Great High Priest.

Jesus is (the)

### 1. Our Great High Priest

The Bible says in **Hebrews 2:17** (ESV) 17 Therefore he (Jesus) had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become **a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God**, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

**Hebrews 4:14** (ESV) “Since then we have **a great high priest** who has passed through the heavens, **Jesus, the Son of God**, let us hold fast our confession.”

And then in **Hebrews 5:1-5** (ESV) 1 **For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God**, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. 3 Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. 4 And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

5 So also **Christ** did not exalt himself to be made **a high priest**, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”

**John 17:9-11** (ESV) 9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

**John 17:17-19** (ESV) 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth

**Hebrews 10:21-22** (ESV) and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

[see also: **Jesus as our representative**: Gen. 2:15-17; Matt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13; Lk. 4:1-13; Rom. 5:18-19; 1 Cor. 1:30; 15:45, 47; Phil. 3:9)]

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### 2. Offers our sacrifice and is our sacrifice:

A. His sacrifice is Perfect (Heb 7:27; 9:12, 24-28; 10:1-2, 10, 12, 14; 13:12)

**Hebrews 7:27-28** (ESV) 27 He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he

offered up himself. 28 For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of

**Jesus went to the cross in our place:**

**Mark 10:45 (ESV)** “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

the oath, which came later than the law, appoints **a Son who has been made perfect forever.**

This “...perfect forever” understanding undergirds our faith in the work of Jesus. From it we recognize there is no failure in Christ as our priest to bring about God’s work of redemption and sanctification.

[See also: **Jesus As our substitute** (Mk. 10:45; Heb. 2:16-17; 1 Pet. 2:24; 3:18), **shed His blood on the cross** (Lev. 17:11; Mt. 26:28; Heb. 9:14, 22; 10:19; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Rev. 12:10-11) ]

B. **His sacrifice is All sufficient** (1 Cor. 5:7; Heb. 9:23-24, 26, 28; 10:1; 13:11,12)

**2 Corinthians 3:4-5 (ESV)** 4 Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. 5 Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, **but our sufficiency is from God,**

**Hebrews 9:28 (ESV)** 28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

[On Christ’s sacrifice for our sins see also: Isa. 53:5-7, 12; Jn. 1:29; Rom. 3:21-26; 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13; 1 Jn. 3:5]

C. **His sacrifice atones for our sin**

**Atonement** is the work of appeasing the just wrath of God for sin. Jesus’s death takes away God’s anger for sin, because it pays the penalty and satisfies all that is need to make the debt payment we owe.

a) **By his death**

**Romans 3:23-25 (ESV)** 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

[See also Heb. 2:17; 1 Jn. 2:2; 4:10; John 1:29; 4:42; 11:51, 52; 12:32]

**1 John 2:2 (ESV)** 2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

b) **By his resurrection**

**Colossians 1:13-14** (ESV) 13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Colossians 2:13-14** (ESV) 13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

(See also: Heb. 2:14-15)

### 3. Only ground for our salvation

**Romans 4:23-25** (ESV) 23 But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, 24 but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, 25 who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

[See also: Rom. 6:4,11,14; 1 Cor. 6:14; 15:20; 2 Cor. 4:14; Eph. 1:19-20; 2:5-6; 1 Pet. 1:3]

**Hebrews 10:11-14** (ESV) 11 And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when **Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins**, he sat down at the right hand of God, 13 waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. 14 For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

### 3. Why is this important for me today?

Because of Jesus' work, we have :

- A. **Forgiveness** of our sin - making me holy, accepted, and a member of God's family
- B. **Peace** with God - I am no longer at war with God, I am content, reconciled and filled with peace
- C. **Hope** of eternal life with God
- D. **Love** from God instead
- E. **Joy** in God in this life and the life to come
- F. **Courage** to live this life by faith in Jesus while facing opposition to our faith
- G. **Courage** to live this life by faith in Jesus while facing brokenness in our body/culture
- H. **Purpose** for living, life is about living for God first, then others, then me

**Jesus' work is an anchor of hope!**