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## **"The Priesthood and the Gospel of Christ" Part 2**

**Exodus 28-31**

**Memory Verse: Hebrews 4:16**

### **Introduction**

- A. "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" (Romans 15:4).
- B. Big Idea: Jesus Christ is our great high priest and he is our perfect representative and substitute before God.

### **Two Gospel Principles**

- I. We Need a Perfect Representative (Exodus 28)
  - A. The high priest represented God to the people of Israel (28:1-5).
  - B. The high priest represented the people of Israel before God. (28:9-12, 15-21, 29-30)
- II. We Need a Perfect Substitute (Exodus 29)
  - A. 29:10, 15, 19
  - B. "For he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21).
  - C. Jesus went to the cross to drink the cup of wrath without mercy so that we can drink the cup of mercy without wrath.

### **Five Gospel Practices**

- I. We Need to Be a People of Prayer (30:1-10)
  - A. "O LORD, I call upon you; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to you! Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice" (Psalm 141:1-2).
  - B. Luke 1:8-11
  - C. Revelation 1:6
  - D. Hebrews 4:14-16
- II. We Need to Be a People of Generosity (30:11-16)
  - A. "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body" (1 Corinthians 6:19).
  - B. We glorify God by living generously.
- III. We Need to Be a People of Holiness (30:17-21)
  - A. 1 John 1:9
  - B. "Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God" (2 Corinthians 7:1).

#### IV. We Need to Be a People of Ministry (31:1-11)

- A. "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good" (1 Corinthians 12:7).
- B. There's work to do and Jesus is building his church, but he works in and through his people.

#### V. We Need to Be a People of Rest (31:12-18)

- A. The Sabbath points us to rest in Christ. Rest from dead works to serve the living God by faith in Jesus Christ.
- B. God's pleasure in you is not based on your performance for him.
- C. God's pleasure in you is based on Christ's performance for you.
- D. The finished work of Christ is always at work in the life of the believer.

#### Conclusion

- A. You need a perfect representative.
- B. You need a perfect substitute.
- C. "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24).
- D. The Gospel Definition