

# Proof

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<b>RECAP:</b>	<p>Last week we heard from Marc about Hebrews 5:1-4.</p> <p>— He spoke about how the author uses repetition to get the point into our head.</p> <p>— — Jesus is our Great High Priest and all the other high priest had sin in their lives. Like Aaron and his lie that the golden calf just popped out of the fire that way.</p> <p>— — — Even those who were to be most spiritual, most religious, and most connected to God were sinful and broken.</p> <p>— — — — But Jesus the Great High Priest did not sin and was not broken but is the perfect sacrifice and the perfect Great High Priest.</p>
<b>INTRODUCTION:</b>	<p>This is going to start off what I believe to be a 2 week study.</p> <p>— We will begin in verse 9-10 then jump back to verse 5.</p> <p>— — This will be a deeper view into the perfection of God.</p> <p>— — — It will also lead us into knowing Jesus Christ even more.</p> <p>— — — — We will see our condition, our sinful broken condition and how God has given us a way out of sinful broken creation to things much bigger.</p>
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<p><b>Hebrews 5:5–10 (NASB95): 5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him,</b> <b>“You are My Son,</b> <b>Today I have begotten You”;</b> <b>6 just as He says also in another passage,</b> <b>“You are a priest forever</b> <b>According to the order of Melchizedek.”</b> <b>7 In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.</b> <b>8 Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.</b> <b>9 And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,</b> <b>10 being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.</b></p>	<p>God is perfect! There is no error in Him, there has never been error in Him, there will never be error in Him.</p> <p>—His understanding is perfect, His will is perfect, His love is perfect, His justice is perfect. Everything about God is perfect.</p> <p>— — This is what true Christians believe about God because if He was not perfect then He would not be God.</p> <p>— — — But why do we believe that God is perfect?</p> <p>— — — — Sunday school answer: the Bible tells us He is perfect. That is right! It does tell us that God is perfect.</p> <p>— — — — — <b><u>READ: Deuteronomy 32:4 (NASB95): 4</u></b> <b>“The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He.</b></p> <p>— — — — — <b><u>READ: Psalm 18:30 (NASB95): 30</u></b> As for God, His way is blameless; The word of the Lord is tried; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.</p> <p>— — — — — <b><u>READ: Matthew 5:48 (NASB95): 48</u></b> <b>“Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.</b></p>
	<p>This is the problem with us. God requires perfection and we are not perfect.</p> <p>—For us to claim to be perfect or without error means that we are claiming to be God.</p> <p>— — The only one who is perfect is God Himself.</p> <p>— — — <b><u>READ: 1 John 1:8 (NASB95): 8</u></b> If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.</p> <p>— — — <b><u>READ: Romans 3:23 (NASB95): 23</u></b> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,</p> <p>— — — <b><u>READ: Romans 3:10–12 (NASB95): 10</u></b> as it is written, “There is none righteous, not even one; 11 There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God; 12 All have turned aside, together they have become useless; There is none who does good, There is not even one.”</p> <p>— — — — Thus, we need a savior, we need a way to meet the standard we could not meet on our own.</p>

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	<p>Now to verse 9: Jesus was made perfect (we will talk about that in a minute), becoming the source of salvation for all who obey Him.</p> <p>— Jesus became the savior that we needed so that we could be seen as righteous in God’s sight.</p> <p>— — <b><u>READ: John 14:6 (NASB95): 6</u></b> Jesus *said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.</p> <p>— — <b><u>READ: Romans 10:9–10 (NASB95): 9</u></b> that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; <b><u>10</u></b> for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.</p> <p>— — <b><u>READ: Romans 6:23 (NASB95): 23</u></b> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.</p>

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	<p>So, our passage tells us that Jesus was made perfect.</p> <p>— Well, what does that mean? How can Jesus be made perfect? I thought He is God and God’s Son; wouldn’t He be perfect?</p> <p>— — First and foremost Jesus is, was, and will be perfect.</p> <p>— — — <b>READ: 1 Peter 2:21–24 (NASB95): 21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, 22 who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; 23 and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.</b></p> <p>— — — <b>READ: 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB95): 21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.</b></p> <p>— — — — <b>READ: Hebrews 4:15 (NASB95): 15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.</b></p>
	<p>And look, there it is again, “He made Him.”</p> <p>— So, what does the made part mean?</p> <p>— — Jesus is perfect and has been perfect from the before there was time because Jesus is God and the Son of God.</p> <p>— — — When our passage tells us that Jesus, “having been made perfect,” the idea is more along the lines of completed.</p> <p>— — — — What do I mean by that?</p> <p>— — — — — Well, Jesus is one of the proof of God’s perfection.</p>

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	<p>Jesus is God and He came to this earth to save broken humanity but He also came and proved the perfection of God.</p> <p>—<b>READ: Hebrews 1:3 (NASB95): 3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,</b></p> <p>—<b>READ: John 1:18 (NASB95): 18 No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.</b></p> <p>—<b>READ: Colossians 1:15 (NASB95): 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.</b></p> <p>—<b>READ: John 14:9–11 (NASB95): 9 Jesus *said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. 11 “Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.</b></p>

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	<p>We read a bunch of verses about how God is perfect, well, Jesus lived out that perfection for us as evidence that God is perfect.</p> <p>— Jesus came and proved perfection.</p> <p>— — We read about how Jesus lived this life without sin, without blemish, perfectly.</p> <p>— — — Jesus was tested and tried; that is how we know something is the quality that it is said to be.</p> <p>— — — — “I’ve got the best candy bar!” “I made the perfect circle!” If Jesus is to be proof of perfection then, Jesus has to be tested.</p> <p>— — — — — Andrew Murray wrote, “The child grew, and waxed strong, becoming full of wisdom. What is true of His Childhood is true of His mature years. At each stage of life He had to meet temptation, and overcome it; out of each victory He came with His will strengthened, and His power over the weakness of the flesh, and the danger of yielding to its desire for earthly good, or its fear of temporal evil, increased.”</p>
<p><b>Hebrews 5:5–10 (NASB95):</b> 5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him, “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You”; 6 just as He says also in another passage, “You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.” 7 In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. 8 Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. 9 And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation, 10 being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.</p>	<p>Verse 8 tells us that Jesus learned obedience which once again Jesus was obedient at all time to God the Father.</p> <p>— <b><u>READ: Philippians 2:8 (NASB95):</u></b> 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.</p> <p>— — You see Jesus took untested obedience as a human and proved it; made it tested obedience.</p> <p>— — — Jesus took untested human reliance on God the Father and proved it.</p> <p>— — — — Jesus took the suffering which is unnatural—it is the effect of sin; proved submission to God.</p>

Scripture:	
	<p>The word perfect is a keyword in the book of Hebrews.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— It is used 13 times in a 13 chapter book.</li><li>— — 4 of the times that the word perfect is used in Hebrews it is pointing to the Old Testament.</li><li>— — — <b><u>READ: Hebrews 7:19 (NASB95): 19</u> (for the Law made nothing perfect),</b></li><li>— — — <b><u>READ: Hebrews 10:1 (NASB95): 1</u> For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near.</b></li><li>— — — — The law could not make humanity perfect. It was but a shadow of the good things to come.</li></ul>
	<p>The law points to Jesus Christ, the proof of perfection, the source of eternal salvation, the author of our salvation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— <b><u>READ: Hebrews 2:10 (NASB95): 10</u> For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.</b></li><li>— <b><u>READ: Hebrews 7:28 (NASB95): 28</u> For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever.</b></li></ul>

Scripture:	
	<p>The perfection proved by Christ, His appointment by God, His deity, and His humanity makes Him perfect for our restoration.</p> <p>—He came to restore us because we are imperfection proven.</p> <p>— —Murray wrote, “He came to restore to us the life of God we had lost—a life in the will and love of God. This alone is salvation.”</p> <p>— — —This is how Christ is the perfect once for all Great High Priest, the perfect once for all time sacrifice as well.</p> <p>— — — —<b><u>READ: Hebrews 10:14 (NASB95): 14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.</u></b></p> <p>— — — — —Jesus is perfecting all who obey Him is what Hebrews 5:9 says—All who are being obedient in the only way we can be obedient—through faith.</p>
	<p>So what is our take away? What is our practical application?</p> <p>—Well, first there is evidence, historical evidence of God perfection in Jesus Christ.</p> <p>— —Believe in the perfection of God.</p> <p>— — —We are far from perfect but God has sent Jesus Christ to perfect us if we hand our lives over to Him. Are you handing your life over to Christ?</p> <p>— — — —What is the proof of your life proving about you? Christ’s proof proved perfection, what is your proof proving?</p>
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