

“Why Will There Be a Priesthood in the Millennial Kingdom?” (Part 2)
Ezekiel 40-48 (Hebrews 9:11-15)

- Christ's Priesthood brings us near to God:
 - *“Let us then with confidence **draw near** to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16)*
 - *“Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who **draw near to God** through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.” (Hebrews 7:25)*
 - *“And since we have a great priest over the house of God, **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.” (Hebrews 10:21-22)*
- Christ's Priesthood offered a supreme sacrifice — Hebrews 9:9,22;10:3-4
 - *“But when Christ had offered for all time **a single sacrifice for sins**, He sat down at the right hand of God....For **by a single offering** He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.” (Hebrews 10:12,14)*
 - *“How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit **offered Himself without blemish** to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.” (Hebrews 9:14)*
- Christ was a sinless High Priest — Hebrews 5:2-3
 - *“For we do not have **a high priest** who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, **yet without sin**.” (Hebrews 4:15)*
 - *“Therefore He 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 2:17)*
 - *“For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, **holy, innocent, unstained**, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. 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.” (Hebrews 7:26-27)*
- Christ has a permanent priesthood as High Priest:
 - *“The former priests were many in number, because they **were prevented by death** from continuing in office, but **He holds His priesthood permanently**, because He continues forever.” (Hebrews 7:23-24)*
 - *“Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.” (Hebrews 10:18)*
- Christ's work guarantees the New Covenant Salvifically and Nationally — Hebrews 7:22
- Christ's Priesthood was based on an oath or a promise, not the law:
 - *“Who has become a priest, **not on the basis of a legal requirement** concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life.” (Hebrews 7:16)*
 - *“**The LORD has sworn** and will not change His mind, You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.” (Psalm 110:4; cf. Hebrews 7:1-10)*

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of September, we are going to be partnering with Heartbeats to collect items to help stock their on-site Boutique. The Boutique is a place where their clients can “purchase” essential baby items, such as baby clothes, diapers, wipes, bottles, newborn care products, etc. Their clients earn points by successfully completing parenting classes, showing up on time, and completing homework. They can also earn points for things such as doctor visits, job interviews/training and even WIC appointments. These points can then be used to shop at the Boutique.

Below is a list of their current/urgent Boutique needs: (*They ask that all items donated would be **NEW!** Please do not donate any used items!*) Books, toys, and games; Boys and girls 12-month to 3T pajamas; Boys and girls 2T & 3T fall outfits (**especially boys**); Boys and girls 2T & 3T winter outfits (**especially boys**); Size 5 diapers; Baby bath towels; Baby toothpaste; 0 to 3-month **girl** clothes; Boys and girls Premie clothes; 12-month **girl** long sleeve onesies. They have also created an Amazon registry for their Boutique, if you would prefer to purchase items from that:

<https://www.amazon.com/regi.../gl/quest-view/IBG850GG09JA>. There is a tote on the back wall to put your donations in. If you would like to help with this donation collection, but you are unable to or prefer not to do the shopping yourself, you can put a cash donation into the container on the back table!

★**LEGACY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:** We will begin our new study on the Book of Romans in our Sunday School Class **THIS** Sunday, **August 31st**, from **9:00-10:00am**, in the Fellowship Hall, each Sunday before Church. Breakfast and Coffee are supplied. For all of the information about this new class, please see the August Newsletter. Please let Elder Richard know if you're interested in this study, so he can make a Syllabus for you.

★**END OF SUMMER PARTY:** We will be having an “End of Summer Party” **THIS** Sunday, August 31st, at Andy's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron), starting at 5pm. There will be swimming — weather permitting, but we also ask that you bring yard games and/or board games to play as well. We would love for EVERYONE to join us for this wonderful time of fun, food, and fellowship! There is a sign-up list on the table in the Entryway, please sign-up to bring something!

★**LEGACY PRACTICUM:** Summer break is almost over! The Legacy Practicum will be starting back up on Monday, September 8th. This new 6-week, 16 lecture-hour course will be “The Kingdom of God” taught by Dr. John C. Whitcomb. Please see the August Newsletter for all of the details on this course. If you are interested in participating, please see Elder Richard!

★**NEW MEMBER'S CLASS:** If you are interested in becoming a Church Member or have any questions about Church Membership, this announcement is for you! We will be having a New Member's Class on Sunday, September 14th, **and** Sunday, September 21st, at 9am, in the Pre-K room. There is a sign-up list on the wall in the Entryway, please sign-up if you are interested in participating! For questions, please see Pastor Zach.