

# He Came as A High Priest of Good Things to Come

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"The Holy Spirit was signifying this, that the way into the Holiest of All had not yet been made manifest, while the first tabernacle was still standing; which was a symbol for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, which could not make him who performed the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; concerned only with foods and drinks, and various washings, and fleshy ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. **But Christ having come as a High Priest of Good Things to Come** (for us), through a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; nor through the blood of goats and calves, but **through His own blood He entered in once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal redemption for us**. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies to the purifying of the flesh; 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? (Hebrews 9:8-12-14)

**Having Come:** from the Greek word *paragenomenos* which means: having come beside, having arrived near-to, having appeared as; having come on the scene, having appeared, (with words expressing destination: I present myself at..., I arrive at...); to become near, to approach as, to have arrived; by implication, to appear publicly. In context Christ Jesus has come beside us as our High Priest of good things to come.

**High Priest:** from the Greek word *archieus* which means: high-priest, chief-priest, pre-eminent-priest; the life-time chief of all the other priests. So Jesus is now and forever.

**Good Things:** from the Greek word *agathun* which means: good-things, (from *agathos*: an adjective meaning: good); "intrinsically good; good in nature; good whether it be seen to be so or not." "inherently (intrinsically) good. For the believer, (agathos) describes what originates from God and is empowered by Him in their life, through faith. HWS" (often used as noun - as in *agathun*: 'good-things').

**to Come:** from the Greek word *genomenon* a verb which means: having-come; from *ginomai*: to come into being, to happen, to become); (properly, to emerge, transitioning from one point (realm, condition) to another; fundamentally means "become" (becoming, became); (so it is not an exact equivalent to the ordinary equative verb "to be" (is, was, will be).

**Literal:** "Christ however, having-come-as High-priest of-the having-come good-things, ..."

**New King James:** "But Christ came as High Priest of the Good Things to Come, ..."

That Jesus is, and was called to be **our** Great High Priest is clearly proclaimed as follows:

"Now of the things which we have spoken, this is the sum of it all: **We have such a High Priest**, who sits on the **Right Hand** of the Throne of the Majesty (of the Father) in the heavens; a minister of the Sanctuary, and of the True Tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man." (Hebrews 8:1-2)

"For **He became for us such a High Priest**, who is holy, innocent, undefiled, separate from sinners, and exalted higher than the heavens." (Hebrews 7:25 or 26)

"Since **We have a Great High Priest**, who has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we do not have **a High Priest** who cannot sympathize with **our** weaknesses; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." (Hebrews 4:14-16)

"He learned obedience through the things which He suffered; and being made perfect, He became the Author of Eternal Salvation unto **all those** who obey Him; **called of God as a High Priest** after the order of Melchisedec." (Hebrews 5:1-10)

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And again:

"Therefore in all things it was necessary for Him to be made like unto His brethren, so that He might be a **Merciful and Faithful High Priest** in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation **for the sins of the people (for us)**." (Hebrews 2:16-17)

"Consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; who was faithful to Him (the Father) who appointed Him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house. For this Man (Jesus) was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who has built the house has more honor than the house." (Hebrews 3:1-4)

Jesus is also clearly proclaimed to have come as a Great High Priest of **Good-things to come**. The good-things to come are many; and are directly related to the Father's will and ministry for Christ Jesus concerning our salvation, and our transformation into the image of Jesus; and our other eternal blessings in, and through our Lord Jesus. The promise of good-things '**to-come**' certainly encompasses the more literal past tense meaning '**having-come**' in the sense that we have already received good-things in and through the redemptive work of Christ Jesus through His atoning death on the Cross. And, there are yet many more good-things that we receive as we grow in Christ Jesus; and there are even more good-things to come within the eternal Kingdom of God. The Word of God speaks of many of these **good-things**. Please consider the following:

"Then Peter began to say unto Him (to Jesus), 'Lo, we have left all, and have followed You.' And Jesus answered and said, 'Truly I say unto you, there is no man who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My sake, and the Gospel's (sake), **but he shall receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the age to come Eternal Life**.'" (Mark 10:28-30)

"These things I (Jesus) have spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, who is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, **He shall teach you all things**, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said unto you. **Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you**: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid." (John 14:25-27)

"But as many as received Him (Jesus), to them **He gave power to become the sons (children) of God**, even to those who believe on His name; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, **but of God. (the Father)**" (John 1:12-13)

Jesus said "Truly, truly, I say unto you, **he who** hears My word, and believes on Him (the Father) who sent Me (Jesus), **has Everlasting Life, and shall not come into condemnation; but has passed from death unto life**." (John 5:24)

Jesus said "And this is the Father's will who has sent Me, that of all whom He has given Me I should lose none, but should raise it (us) up again at the Last Day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that every one who beholds the Son, and believes on Him, **may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day**." (John 6:39-40)

"And Jesus came and spoke unto them (His disciples), saying, 'All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatever I have commanded you: and, behold, **I am with you always, even unto the end of the age**. Amen.'" (Matthew 28:18-20)

Therefore, we are buried with Him (Jesus) through baptism into death; so that as Christ was raised up from the dead through the glory of the Father, even so **we also should walk in newness of life**. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, **we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection**; knowing this, that **our old man is crucified with Him**, so that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For **he who is dead is freed from sin**." (Romans 6:4-7)

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Consider also these many spiritual blessings (good things!!) that believers in Christ Jesus have in and through Christ Jesus:

**“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; just as He (the Father) has chosen us in Him (in Jesus) before the foundation of the world, so that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love[ having predestinated us unto the adoption of children through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His (the Father's) will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, in which He has made us accepted in the Beloved (Jesus); in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; in which He has abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He has purposed in Himself; that in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him; in whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who works all things after the counsel of His own will; so that we should be to the praise of His glory,”** (Ephesians 1:3-12)

Consider also a few 'good things' we shall receive at the end of the age:

“To him who overcomes **I will give to eat of the tree of life**, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.” (Revelation 2:7)

“Be you faithful unto death, and **I will give you a crown of life**. ... He who overcomes **shall not be hurt of the second death**.” (Revelation 2:10-11)

“To him who overcomes I will give **to eat of the hidden manna**, and will give him **a white stone**, and in the stone **a new name written**, ....” (Revelation 2:17)

“He who overcomes, and keeps My works unto the end, to him will **I give power over the nations**; ... **And I will give him the Morning Star**.” (Revelation 2:26-28)

“He who overcomes, the same **shall be clothed in white clothing**; and **I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life**, but **I will confess his name before My Father, and before His angels**.” (Revelation 3:5)

He who overcomes I will make **a pillar in the Temple of My God**, ... and **I will write upon him the Name of My God, and the name of the City of My God, which is New Jerusalem**, ... and **I will write upon him My New Name**.” (Revelation 3:12)

“To him who overcomes **I will grant to sit with Me in My Throne**, even as I also overcame, and have sat down with My Father in His Throne.” (Revelation 3:21)

There are many many more 'good things' yet to come for us; but please read for now just these:  
1 Corinthians 15:51-54; Revelation 21:3-7; 22:11-17

## Jesus Came as A High Priest of Good Things to Come

**Good things in Christ Jesus already received;  
and good things in Christ Jesus yet to be received !!!**

**Salvation, Everlasting Life, the promise of the Holy Spirit, the brethren in Christ Jesus, adoption into the Family of God, Holiness, Righteousness, ..., ..., and more!**

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Amen !!!**