

Revelation 1:4-5a

A Three-Line Description of Who Jesus Christ Is

A longer form of “Prophet, Priest, and King”

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to be the mediator between God and man; the prophet, priest, and king...

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This office of mediator between God and man is proper only to Christ, who is the prophet, priest, and king...

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This number and order of offices is necessary...

## **PRIEST**

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Understanding how this description of Jesus Christ as “the first-begotten of the dead” indicates His priestly office hinges on knowing His relationship with Melchizedek/Melchisedec

Genesis 14:14-20

v. 18 ...he was priest

Psalm 110:1-4

but how do we know that means Jesus? see Mt 22:41-45

Hebrews 5:1-10

v. 1 subject: high priest

v. 6, 10 Melchisedec

Hebrews 6:19-20

Hebrews 7:1-3

v. 3 ...nor end of life

v. 3 ...abideth a priest continually

Hebrews 7:11-17

v. 16 not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life

Hebrews 7:23-25

v. 23 they...many...death

v. 24 he continueth forever...unchangeable priesthood

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Colossians 1:21-22 KJV And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

Galatians 5:17 KJV For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

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Hebrews 4:14 KJV Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

Hebrews 7:23-27 KJV And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue **by reason of death:** 24 But this man, because **he continueth ever**, hath an unchangeable priesthood. 25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing **he ever liveth to make intercession for them.** 26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; 27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when **he offered up himself.**

Knollys [not quoting]: description of the priestly office, consisting of two things: -satisfaction

-intercession