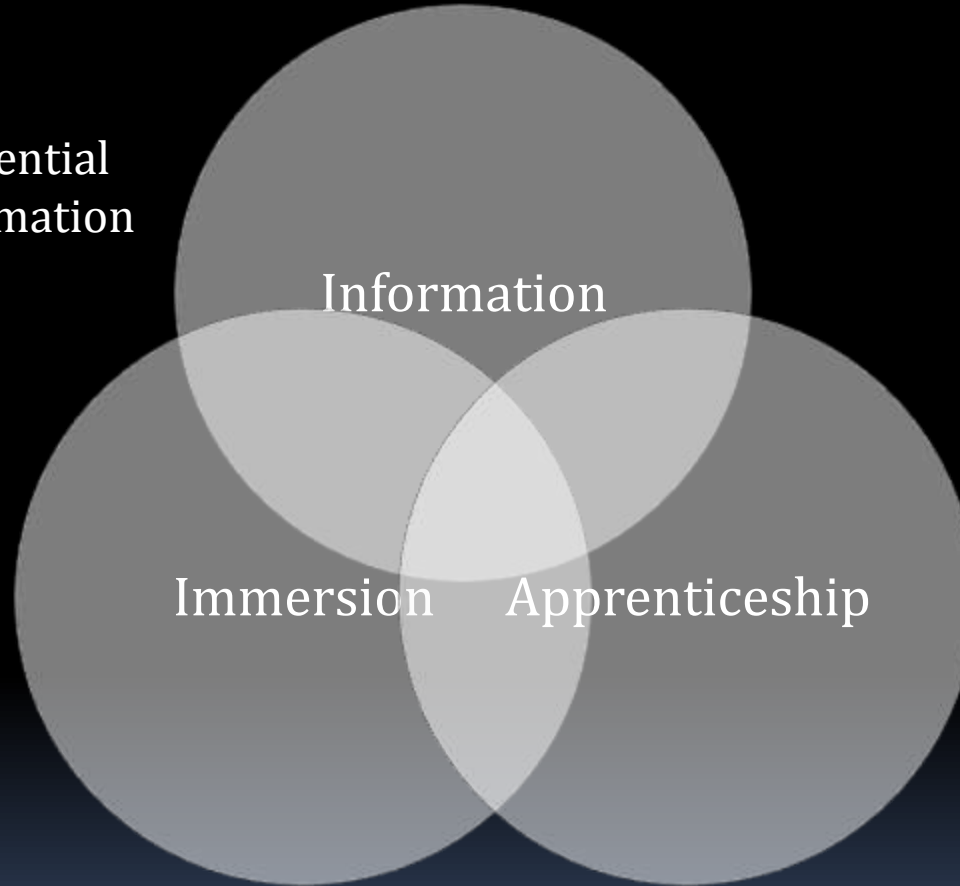


# The Priesthood of Christ

## **HEBREWS 5:1 – 10**

# How Humans Learn


All three are essential  
For spiritual formation



# The Foundation

Not simply knowing  
About God, about man,  
And God's gospel plan  
For man

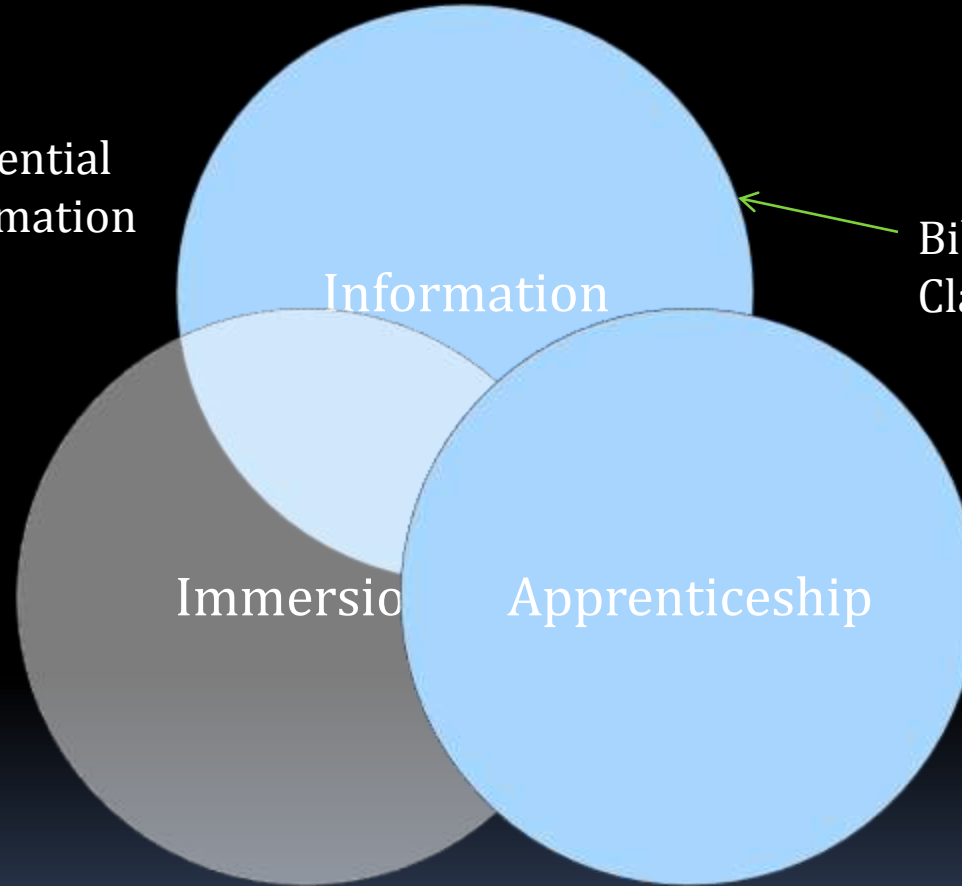
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Information  
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Bible Teaching &  
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# The Word of God and Inerrancy

- ARTICLE VI: Verbal Plenary Inspiration
- ARTICLE VII: Inspiration
- ARTICLE VIII: Human Authors
- ARTICLE IX: Inerrancy

## Previously - Inspiration

- The last section, Articles 6,7 and 8, were explaining Biblical inspiration
- What does it mean when we say that the Holy Scriptures are “inspired by God?”
- “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness” (II Timothy 3:16)

## Article IX:

- ***We affirm*** – We affirm that inspiration, though not conferring omniscience, guaranteed true and trustworthy utterance on all matters of which the Biblical authors were moved to speak and write.
- ***We deny*** - that the finitude or fallenness of these writers, by necessity or otherwise, introduced distortion or falsehood into God's Word.

# Hebrews - Review

- I. The Superiority of Christ
  - Superior to Angels
  - Superior to Moses
  - Superior to the Aaronic Priest
- 2. Faith-Rest (Chapter 4)
  - In Salvation
  - In the promises of God
- 3. Temptation and coming before the throne of grace



## Hebrews 4:14-16

- <sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## Hebrews 5

- **5** For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins; <sup>2</sup> he can deal gently with the ignorant and misguided, since he himself also is beset with weakness; <sup>3</sup> and because of it he is obligated to offer sacrifices for sins, as for the people, so also for himself. <sup>4</sup> And no one takes the honor to himself, but receives it when he is called by God, even as Aaron was.

# Hebrews 5

- <sup>5</sup> 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”;
- <sup>6</sup> just as He says also in another passage,
- “YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER  
ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.”  
(Psalm 110:4)

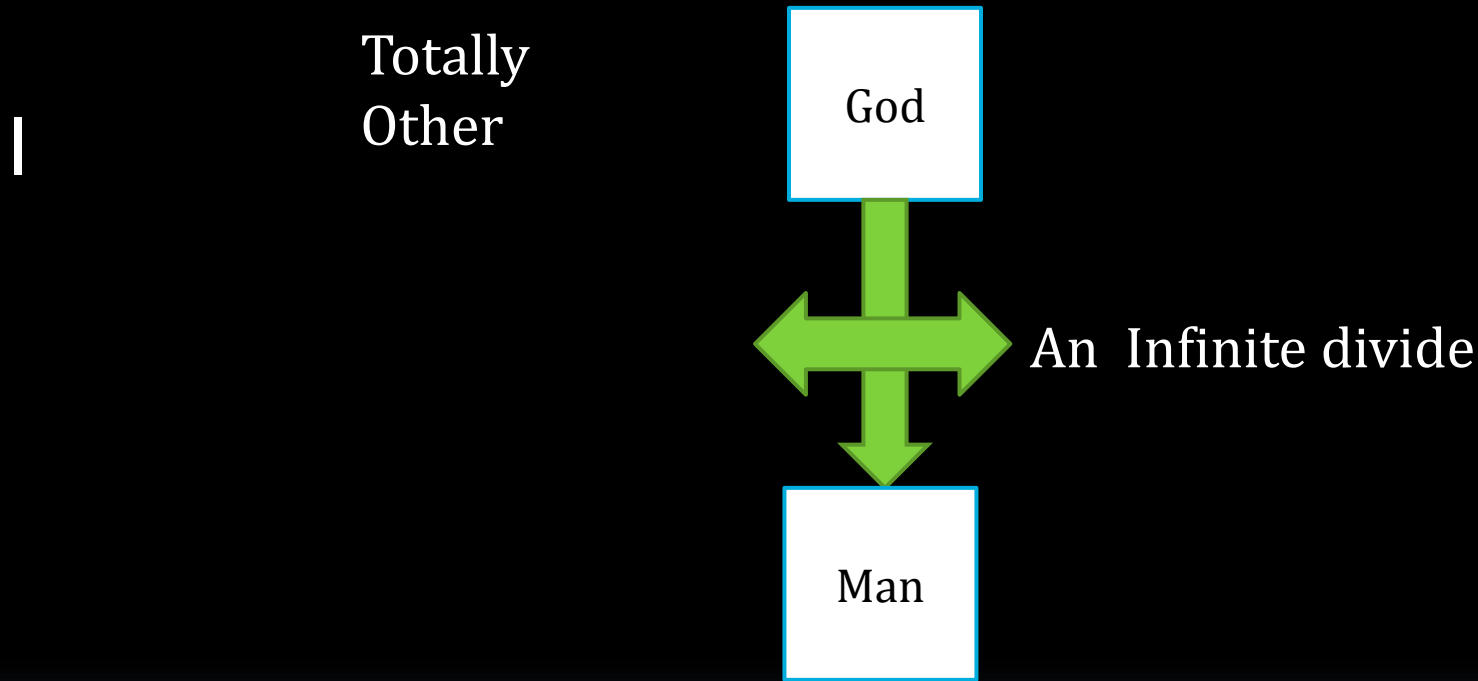
## Hebrews 5

- <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. <sup>9</sup> And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation, <sup>10</sup> being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

# Hebrews 5

- <sup>11</sup> Concerning him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. <sup>12</sup> For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. <sup>13</sup> For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. <sup>14</sup> But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

# God and Man After the Fall



Man never achieves a clear knowledge of himself unless he has first looked upon God's face, and then descends from contemplating Him to scrutinize himself. For we always seem to ourselves righteous and upright and wise and holy—this pride is innate in all of us— John Calvin

# QUALIFICATIONS FOR HUMAN HIGH PRIESTS

- 1. Taken from among men (the priest must be a representative) (v. 1)
- 2. They must be appointed (v.4) It was not a role a person could choose for himself. The person was to be “called” by God

# Jesus Conformed the Role of High Priest

- 1. Jesus was chosen by God from among men. Jesus was fully man minus the sin nature.
- 2. Jesus did not choose the role of High Priest but was appointed by God the Father. (vv. 5-6)
  - Psalm 110:4 You (Jesus Christ) are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek
  - Not to the order of Aaron – Christ is a different kind of priest



# Mediator and Representative

- The work of the high priest (chief priest) was as a mediator who offered gifts and sacrifices for sins on behalf of men in things pertaining to God.
- Also the priest was to understand the sins of the people
- The Hebrew priest were human and sinful themselves. They had to offer a sacrifice for their own sins (Lev. 16:6)

# Understanding of the Sinner's Dilemma

- “Deal gently with the ignorant and misguided since he himself was also a sinner.” (v. 2)
- “Deal Gently” = to take the middle course between apathy and anger
- The problem with sin is that it is so compelling to us. That is why we need to conviction of the Holy Spirit
  - <sup>7</sup> But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. <sup>8</sup> And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; (John 16:7-9)

# Understanding of the Sinner's Dilemma

- Christ never ignores sin but His response is to move sinners away from their sin – so we will stop sinning.
  - John 8:10-11 “Straightening up, Jesus said to her, “Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?” She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more.”

# The Obedience of Christ

- <sup>8</sup> "Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.<sup>9</sup> And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation, <sup>10</sup> being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek." (vv. 8-9)

# The Obedience of Christ

- He learned obedience – just as other humans, Christ learned how to obey, how to do His Father's will on earth, as He did in heaven
  - He suffered in the wilderness through temptations
  - Through His suffering on the cross
- To all who obey Him, He becomes a source of salvation.
  - And the obedience is to His command: He said, “The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the gospel!” (Mark 1:15)

# The Perfection of Christ

- By “learning obedience” and being “made perfect” does not mean that Jesus was moved from imperfection to perfection.
- It means completion. Jesus needed to grow as a human being, be tempted, be tested, and complete a ministry, and finally to provide an atonement (a sacrifice to provide a way toward God)
- And go to the cross to finish and to be a complete and perfect His sacrifice for sin
- It is finished – the work that Jesus came to do was completed made perfect.