

# The Certainty of Our Salvation

Life Groups; Week of Sunday, March 5, 2023; Hebrews 7:1-25; Steve Thiel

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**Sermon Theme: Jesus is a priest according to the order of Melchizedek, which means He's an eternal priest who mediates a better covenant which is able to save His people to the uttermost. Therefore, we can set our hope on Him, hold fast in difficulties, and have full assurance of our eternal well-being!**

## **I. An Eternal Priest – Read Hebrews 7:1-10**

- A. If you were to give a quick overview of Hebrews chapters 1-7, how would you summarize them? How does Hebrews 7:1-10 fit into the overall context and argument of the book?
- B. Who is Melchizedek? What are the titles that the author attributes to Melchizedek?
- C. Why does it matter that Melchizedek is a priest, a king, and that he has no beginning of days or end of life? In what ways does Melchizedek point forward to the Lord Jesus Christ?

## **II. A Necessary Change – Read Hebrews 7:11-17**

- A. Read Hebrews 7:11. What does perfection mean in this context? How is the rest of Hebrews helpful? How is perfection made attainable through the priestly work of the Lord Jesus?
- B. Verses 12-18 highlight the fact that a change in priesthood requires a change in the law? What does the author mean by that? What changes were required?
- C. How would you interpret verse 16? What does the author mean when he speaks of “the power of an indestructible life”? What evidence proves that Jesus has an indestructible life?
- D. How do you do with change? How has your life changed since believing in Jesus? How does your life still need to change? In what ways does the Lord continue to transform you?

## **III. A Secure Salvation – Read Hebrews 7:18-25**

- A. In verse 22, the author says, “Jesus is the guarantor of a better covenant.” What covenant is he talking about? How do you know that? And how is Jesus the guarantor of it?
- B. How does our salvation and new hope in Christ enable us to draw near to God? What do you think it looks like for you to draw near to God on a daily basis and why is that necessary?
- C. Read Hebrews 7:25. How would you interpret this verse? How is it an encouragement to you that Christ is “able to save you to the uttermost”?
- D. How does the certainty of your eternal salvation free you up to live for God's glory without fear, even in the midst of the most difficult of situation and circumstances?