

Hebrews 5:5-6

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Paul points out that Jesus was called by God to be a priest, therefore, His priesthood is legitimate.

The previous verse pointed out that priests must be called by God in order to have a legitimate claim to priestly duties. Paul quotes from [Psalm 2:7](#) and [Psalm 110](#) to show that *Christ did not glorify Himself* by making himself *high priest*, but that He was called by God to be a priest. God, who called Jesus *My Son* and made Him an heir who will one-day rule over all, also appointed Him as high priest. Jesus is *a priest forever* as we see here, His priestly appointment will never end.

The title “*Son*” and the role of priest were bestowed upon Jesus after He finished serving His father faithfully and obediently to His death. Just as being human was a prerequisite to being appointed High Priest among men, although Jesus was already the Son of God from the beginning, He received the reward of the title “*Son*” for His faithfulness as a human. The phrase *according to the order of Melchizedek* will be explained in detail in chapter 7 of Hebrews. So Christ meets one qualification for priesthood since he did not appoint Himself but was appointed by God.

Biblical Text:

⁵ 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”;

⁶ just as He says also in another passage,

“You are a priest forever

According to the order of Melchizedek.”