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The author of Hebrews explains NT priesthood

He starts with the basic notions of priesthood

A priest is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God (5:1)

His purpose is to bring men to God (7:25) and bring them to perfection (2:10; 9:9; 10:1,14; 11:40; 12:23)

The priest does not take this prerogative upon himself; he must have divine appointment (5:4)

He brings men to God by offering sacrifices for sins (5:1; 8:3; 9:7,13)

The priest, too, is a man and a sinner; therefore he must offer up sacrifices for himself as well (5:2,3; 7:27; 9:7)

This turns out to be the limitation of the OT system. An imperfect priest can only offer imperfect sacrifices (9:11-14; 10:1-4)

Therefore, both the covenant on which his priesthood is based (8:6) and the Holy Place in which it is performed (9:11) are imperfect

Finally, the result is imperfect. The old system can never make perfect those who come near (10:1)

Paul calls his ministry a priestly service (Rom 15:16) being a mediator of the Gospel to the nations

The Didache says of the prophets (evangelists) that they are your priests (13:3)

It is the Spirit filled believers who are priests

They are the ones who mediate God to the world

2 Corinthians 5:19-20

God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God!

Spirit-filled believers are the Royal Priesthood and Holy Nation of Exodus 19:6 (1 Pet 2:5-10; Rev 1:6; 5:10; 20:6)

Spirit-filled believers offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ (1 Pet 2:5; Heb 13:15-16)

Believers have been brought to God through the priestly ministry of Christ and the royal priesthood of the Church is the responsibility and privilege of mediating Christ to the world