

Psalm 110:1, Acts 2:14-41 (34-35) The Nature of Jesus' Body, Parts 5 & 6

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WE meet TO Live out, embrace and embody our identity and out unity. ● ROMANS 12:4-5 ⁴ Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. → How does this have priority and resolve in your life?

<u>WE meet TO Live our calling.</u> • 1 PETER 2:5 Peter tells Christians "you, also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ"→ Where can we see this visible, and bearing good fruit, in Christ's Body/church?

WE meet TO Live our commandment/mandate. • JOHN 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. • HEBREWS 10:24 Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. • MATTHEW 28:19-20 ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." → Do we need to improve? How can we improve?

WE meet TO Live, to experience, the presence of Christ. ● JAMES 4:8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. → How does this work out practically? Does it?



Psalm 110:4, Hebrews 5:6, 7:7,21 Melchizedek: Humdinger of a Priest

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1 Jesus is our High Priest, the Head of the Royal Priesthood (the Body) in the service of God. ● HEBREWS 8:1-2
1 The point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ² and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by man. → What thinking does this evoke on the nature of the Church? How well, in your view, is the Church living in this reality?

2 <u>Jesus became High Priest of the good things here, and the good things to come</u>. • Hebrews 9:11 When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. • Hebrews 10:1 The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming-not the realities themselves. → What does it mean that Jesus has become the High Priest of the things here and to come? What does both now, and not yet, cause you to think about?

③ So, we are to focus our thoughts on Jesus. ● HEBREWS 3:1 Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. → Do we need to improve? How can we improve? How does this work out practically? Does it?

4 Hold on! Jesus is our great High Priest. ● HEBREWS 4:14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.
The church has long said we need to hold on because time is short; 2000 years later, what does holding on look like? How can we (you) better hold on?