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Hebrews 7:23-28

Title: Growing in Faith

Introduction: What's next after repentance? Transformation/regeneration.



Our text from Hebrews chapter 7 is dominated by the question of perfection. The Old Testament priesthood was not perfect in two ways:

1. The priests were ordinary human beings, and that means they were not perfect and that means that they had to offer sacrifices to cleanse not only their own sins but for the sins of other people.
2. Since they were human beings, they couldn't continue to offer sacrifices forever to cover the sins people would commit in the future. They had to pass their priesthood on to another generation, and that of course offered opportunities for something to go wrong.

In contrast, the way Jesus deals with human sins is perfect. Hebrews 7:23-24 has explained how Jesus' priesthood is different from Judaism priesthood. Jesus' priesthood is different because he is perfect.

As followers of Jesus, how should we grow in our faith and improve on perfection
Every time we grow, we mature. We mature because we gain deeper knowledge of God.
But what is maturity?

Ephesians 4:7-16, says we can grow in the following ways:

1. We grow in our faith by being servants of Jesus Christ. (7-11)

2. We grow together in faith by being involved in ministry although we may not be the same in maturity of our faith. (12)

3. We grow in the unity of faith and mature spiritually to the measure of the full stature of Christ (13-16).

Conclusion: What is Jesus asking you to do today? The WORD of God has spoken clearly that when we do God's ministry together, we grow in our faith.