The Superiority of the Priesthood of Christ
Heb. 3:1

Introduction:
A. The priesthood has been in the news lately.
   1. The scandal in the Catholic church.
   2. The conference in Rome to deal with it.
B. The Bible knows nothing of a Catholic-style priesthood.
C. The Bible speak of two kinds of priests.
   1. The Old Testament priests with their high priest.
   2. The New Testament priests with their high priest.
      a. All Christians are priests (1 Pet. 2:5, 9)
      b. Jesus is the high priest (text)
D. The Book of Hebrews shows the superiority of Priesthood of Christ.

Discussion:

I. Jesus Is a More Suitable High Priest.
   A. He has experienced Godhood and manhood (Heb. 2:14-18; 4:14-16; 5:7-10).
   B. He has lived on earth without sin (Heb. 4:15)
   C. He is our forerunner into heaven (Heb. 6:18-20).

II. Jesus Is a More Stable High Priest.
   A. Not subject to death (Heb. 7:23-25).
   B. Not subject human failure (Heb. 7:26-28)

III. Jesus is a More Sacrificial High Priest.
   A. Both priest and sacrifice (Heb. 8:3,4; 9:7-14, 24-28).
   B. Both the atonement and sin offering (Heb. 10:1-15).

Conclusion:
A. Jesus is our only mediator (1 Tim. 2:5).
B. Jesus is priest over house of God (church) (Heb. 10:21).
C. Jesus’ priestly benefits are conditional (Cf. Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7-9).