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Hebrews 5:1-10

There is an interesting verse at the end of Luke 2 that says: "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52, emphasis added). Jesus grew; He fully embraced His humanity. He became like us, even accepting the limitations and restrictions of our physical being.

"Growth" describes a progression from childhood to maturity. The writer of Hebrews expressed it this way, "He learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him" (5:8-9, emphasis added). Learning, like growth, is also a process. Jesus' suffering was instructive; it uniquely qualified Him to make atonement for our sins and secure forgiveness and the hope of eternal life for all who trust in Him.

Jesus is both the "Son of God" and "Son of Man." As such, there is no one else so qualified to secure our redemption, to be our ultimate High Priest before the heavenly Father.

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