Sunday April 2, 2023 Dr. John Welborn

## Jesus: Taste & See that the Lord Is Good Jesus Is Perfect Hebrews 4:14-16

**Perfect:** Entirely without fault or defect, flawless

"Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:14-16

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## I. Jesus Is Our Perfect Example – Hebrews 4:15

"He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly." 1 Peter 2:22-23

"Our Lord lived his life...to give the normal standard for our lives." O. Chambers

"Jesus...did not attain a state of perfection by carrying around in his pocket a list of rules and regulations, or by seeking to conform to the cultural mores of his time. He was perfect because he never made a move without his Father." Thomas Skinner

"We must imitate Christ's life and his ways if we are to be truly enlightened & set free from the darkness of our own hearts. Let it be the most important thing we do, then, to reflect on the life of Jesus Christ." Thomas a Kempis (A.D. 1418)

"Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." 1 Corinthians 11:1

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## II. Jesus is Our Perfect Mediator – Hebrews 4:14, 16

"You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Matthew 5:48

"For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous." Romans 5:19

"For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 2:5

Jesus was and is the Perfect Son of God. That fact is settled and clear in the Scripture. What is not settled is whether YOU know Him...

"And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." **John 17:3** 

Jesus is our Perfect Example and our Perfect Mediator. So we invite you to Taste and See that the Lord Is Good today by turning from your sin and placing your trust in Jesus. He's available for you!

## **Sources and Reading Opportunities**

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