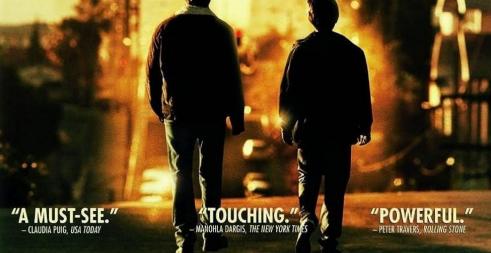


FROM CHRIS WEITZ, DIRECTOR OF ABOUT A BOY **A BETTER LIFE**



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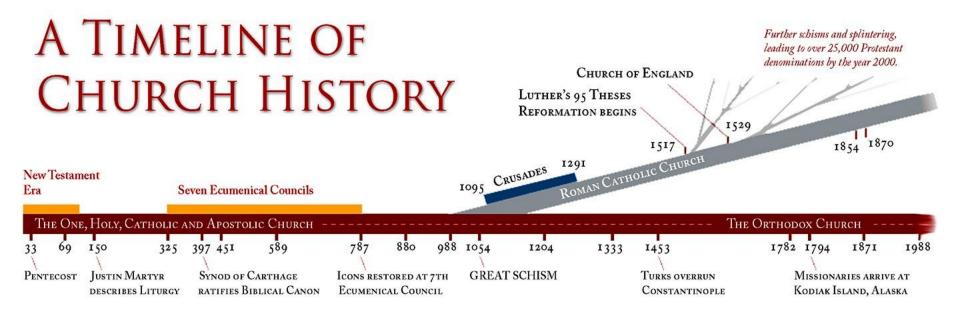




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RELIGIOUS CONFLICT AND THE PRACTICE OF TOLERATION IN EARLY MODERN EUROPE

"Ecumenical Sunday" for <u>a Better Church!</u>









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"We believe in one God. The Father Almighty. Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only begotten, begotten of the Father before all ages. Light of Light; true God of true God; begotten not made; of one essence with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father; and he

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Better Church!

The First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea in 325



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Ecumenical theologian reflects on World Council of Churches conference on unity

The Sixth <u>World Conference on Faith and Order</u> at Logos Papal Center of the Coptic Orthodox Church, Wadi El Natrun, near Alexandria, Egypt October 24-28, 2025

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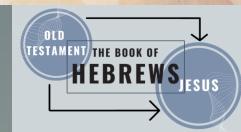
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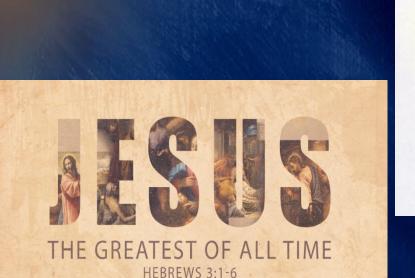
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The Son Superior to Angels
The Gospel Greater than the Law
Melchizedek to All
A Call to Persevere
Surrounded by a Cloud of Witnesses
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Shaped by His Son: Reading Hebrews

Hebrews 7:1-(11-22)28 Jesus > High Priest

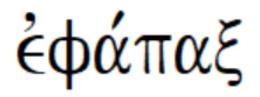




Hebrews 7:1-(11-22)28 How Many Redemptions?

Because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

HEBREWS 7:24-2



TODAY IN THE WORD

Hebrews 7:1-(11-22)28 Holy, Blameless, Pure, Exalted...

WE HAVE A HIGH PRIEST WHO TRULY MEETS OUR NEED: ONE WHO IS HOLY, BLAMELESS, PURE, SET APART FROM SINNERS, EXALTED ABOVE THE HEAVENS.

JESUS

HEBREWS 7:26

Mark 1:21-28 A New Teaching of Jesus

They [Simon & his brother Andrew, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, and Jesus] came to Capernaum, when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching.

Mark 1:21-28 News about Jesus Spread Over...



The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this?" new seaching – and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." News about him spread over the whole region of Galilee.

Salvation Has Come

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"Shaped by His Son"

Part 3. Melchizedek to All



MELCHIZEDEK מלכי־צדק

"My King of Righteousness"

"And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.' He gave him a tenth of all."

Genesis 14:18-20

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Jesus calls us to love one another. Even ones who are unlovely. Jesus loved the unloved and unlovely. Love others as God loves us.



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HE IS ABLE, TO SAVE THOSE WHO COME TO GOD THROUGH HIM Hebrews 7:25



Leviticus 21:10ff

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There were many priests under the old system, for death prevented them from remaining in office.

BUT BECAUSE JESUS LIVES FOREVER-HIS PRIESTHOOD LASTS FOREVER-

Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him.

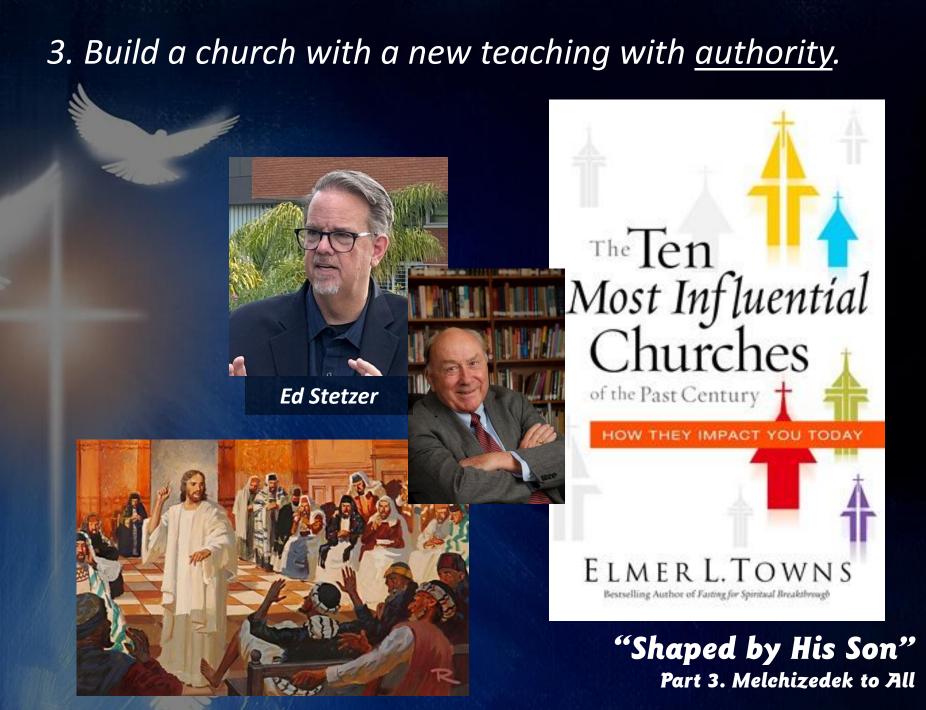
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Hebrews 7:23-25 New Living Translation

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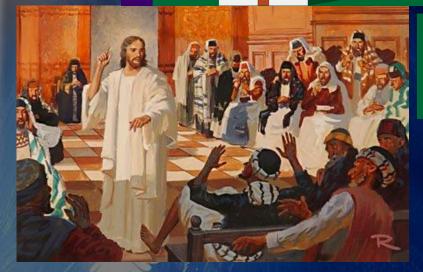


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A 20th Anniversary Leading Article

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By Blake Bradford On June 20, 2023





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