Hebrews 5

1-4: OT high priests

1. Verses 1-10 explain why we can "draw near to the throne of grace".

2. How the high priest became the high priest:
    a. Chosen from the men
    b. Appointed
    c. Called by God to be high priest

3. What the high priest does:
    a. Act on behalf of men in relation to God
    b. Deals gently with the wayward and ignorant

4. What problem does the high priest run into?

5. Similarities between high priest and pastors.

5-10: Jesus as high priest

1. Who appointed Jesus and when?

2. Jesus differed from other high priests in 5 ways:
    a. He is without sin
    b. Not a son of Aaron
    c. Not appointed by man but by God
    d. Became high priest by God's decree not by the enactment of God's Law
    e. He's not a temporal priest but a priest in the new eternal age that has already begun.

3. How did Jesus prepare for His office?

4. "being made perfect" can also be translated as "having been made perfect". The idea is "bringing someone to completion, so that he reached the goal that had been set for him". Luther translated this as "make complete".

11-14: Warning against lethargy

1. Why is the author frustrated with the Hebrews?

Image from the Physical Development of a Child	**Comparison to Educational Development**	**Comparison to Christian Spiritual Development**
Infants (v.13)	Primary students	New believers
Milk (v.13)	Elementary education in reading and writing	Catechesis in Christ's Word and the article of the faith
Mature adults (v.14)	Advance students	Mature believers
Solid food (v.14)	Instruction in intellectual and moral understanding for public service	Liturgical instruction about Jesus as High Priest and their service with him
Ability to distinguish good food from bad food (v.14)	Intellectual and moral discernment	Spiritual discernment of God's good gifts
Curriculum	Teaching of elements (v.12) Foundational oracles of God (v.12) The foundational Word of Christ (6:1)	Teaching of righteousness (v.13)

2. We too should not assume that we have learned enough about God.

3. What should a "mature" Christian be able to do?
    a. Eph. 4:14

4. How does one able to do this?