

Cloverdale FPC Adult Sunday School W.C.F. To Codify - Unify - Testify

Chapter 8. Of Christ the Mediator.

[God Made a Covenant of Grace with Christ]

1. It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only-begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man,^a the Prophet,^b Priest,^c and King;^d the Head and Saviour of his Church,^e the Heir of all things,^f and Judge of the world;^g unto whom he did, from all eternity, give a people to be his seed,^h and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.ⁱ

a. Isa 42:1; John 3:16; 2 Tim 2:5; 1 Pet 1:19-20

b. Acts 3:22

c. Heb 5:5-6

d. Psa 2:6; Luke 1:33

e. Eph 5:23

f. Heb 1:2

g. Acts 17:31

h. Psa 22:30; Isa 53:10; John 17:6

i. Isa 55:4-5; 1 Cor 1:30; 1 Tim 2:6

[Christ Made the Perfect Mediator by His Two Natures]

2. The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fulness of time was come, take upon him man's nature,^a with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin:^b being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance.^c So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion.^d Which person is very God and very man, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.^e

a. John 1:1, 14; Gal 4:4; Phil 2:6; 1 John 5:20

b. Heb 2:14, 16-17; 4:15

c. Luke 1:27, 31, 35; Gal 4:4

d. Luke 1:35; Rom 9:5; Col 2:9; 1 Tim 3:16; 1 Pet 3:18

e. Rom 1:3-4; 1 Tim 2:5.

[Christ Made Mediator by Anointing and Appointment]

3. The Lord Jesus, in his human nature thus united to the divine, was sanctified and anointed with the Holy Spirit above measure;^a having in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,^b in whom it pleased the Father that all fulness should dwell;^c to the end that, being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth,^d he might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of a mediator and surety.^e Which office he took not unto himself, but was thereunto called by his Father,^f who put all power and judgment into his hand, and gave him commandment to execute the same.^g

a. Psa 45:7; John 3:34

b. Col 2:3

c. Col 1:19

d. John 1:14; Heb 7:26

e. Acts 10:38; Heb 7:22; 12:24

f. Heb 5:4-5

g. Mat 28:18; John 5:22, 27; Acts 2:36

[Christ Fulfilled Every Part of His Work as Mediator of the Covenant]

4. This office the Lord Jesus did most willingly undertake,^a which, that he might discharge, he was made under the law,^b and did perfectly fulfill it;^c endured most grievous torments immediately in his soul,^d and most painful sufferings in his body;^e was crucified, and died;^f was buried, and remained under the power of death, yet saw no

corruption.^g On the third day he arose from the dead,^h with the same body in which he suffered;ⁱ with which also he ascended into heaven, and there sitteth at the right hand of his Father,^k making intercession;^l and shall return to judge men and angels at the end of the world.^m

a. Psa 40:7-8 with Heb 10:5-10; John 10:18; Phil 2:8

b. Gal 4:4

c. Mat 3:15; 5:17

d. Mat 26:37-38; 27:46; Luke 22:44

e. Matthew 26-27

f. Phil 2:8

g. Acts 2:23-24, 27; 13:37; Rom 6:9

h. 1 Cor 15:3-4

i. John 20:25, 27

k. Mark 16:19

l. Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25; 9:24

m. Mat 13:40-42; Acts 1:11; 10:42; Rom 14:9-10; 2 Pet 2:4; Jude 1:6

[Christ Made Actual Atonement for His Elect]

5. The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself, which he through the eternal Spirit once offered up unto God, hath fully satisfied the justice of his Father,^a and purchased not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father hath given unto him.^b

a. Rom 3:25-26; 5:19; Eph 5:2; Heb 9:14, 16; 10:14

b. Dan 9:24, 26; John 17:2; Eph 1:11, 14; Col 1:19-20; Heb 9:12, 15

[Christ's One Sacrifice of Eternal Value For All Saints]

6. Although the work of redemption was not actually wrought by Christ till after his incarnation, yet the virtue, efficacy, and benefits thereof were communicated unto the elect, in all ages successively from the beginning of the world, in and by those promises, types, and sacrifices, wherein he was revealed, and signified to be the seed of the woman which should bruise the serpent's head, and the Lamb slain from the beginning of the world, being yesterday and today the same, and forever.^a

a. Gen 3:15; Gal 4:4-5; Heb 13:8; Rev 13:8

[Christ Acted as One Person in Two Natures]

7. Christ, in the work of mediation, acteth according to both natures; by each nature doing that which is proper to itself;^a yet, by reason of the unity of the person, that which is proper to one nature is sometimes, in Scripture, attributed to the person denominated by the other nature.^b

a. Heb 9:14; 1 Pet 3:18

b. John 3:13; Acts 20:28; 1 John 3:16

[Christ's Purchased Redemption is Actually Applied to Elect]

8. To all those for whom Christ hath purchased redemption he doth certainly and effectually apply and communicate the same;^a making intercession for them,^b and revealing unto them, in and by the Word, the mysteries of salvation;^c effectually persuading them by his Spirit to believe and obey; and governing their hearts by his Word and Spirit;^d overcoming all their enemies by his almighty power and wisdom, in such manner and ways as are most consonant to his wonderful and unsearchable dispensation.^e

a. John 6:37, 39; 10:15-16

b. Rom 8:34; 1 John 2:1-2

c. John 15:13, 15; 17:6; Eph 1:7-9

d. John 14:16; 17:17; Rom 8:9, 14; 15:18-19; 2 Cor 4:13; Heb 12:2

e. Psa 110:1; Mal 4:2-3; 1 Cor 15:25-26; Col 2:15
