

Of Christ The Mediator (1 Timothy 2:5)

Baptist Confession of Faith (1689) Chapter 8, Paragraphs 9-10

Doctrine: Christ Our Prophet, Priest, King

The Three-Fold Office of Christ Our Mediator

- The office of **Mediator** between God and man is proper only to Christ, the Lord Jesus, God the Son.
- The three-fold office of our Mediator is seen in His Greek title, '**Christ**', which comes from the Hebrew title, 'Messiah,' meaning 'Anointed One'.
- In the Old Testament there are **three** offices for which one would be anointed, meaning ordained or set aside, by the will and word of God.
- The three-fold office of our Lord is that He is the **Prophet, Priest, and King** of His Church.
- This office may not be either in whole, or any part thereof, transferred from Him to any **other**.
- The number and order of offices is **necessary** and logical.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 23: *What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer?*

Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a King, both in His estate of humiliation and exaltation.

Christ Our Prophet (John 15:15)

- Christ our **Prophet** communicates to us His Word and Gospel, as well as the very nature and character of God.
- We need the truer and better **Prophet** because of our ignorance.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 24: *How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?*

Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by His Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

Christ Our Priest (Hebrews 2:17)

- Christ our **Priest** reconciles us and presents us acceptable unto God.
- We need the great and perfect high **Priest** because of our alienation from God, and the imperfection of the best of our services.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 25: *How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?*

Christ executeth the office of a priest, in His once offering up of Himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.

Christ Our King (Isaiah 9:6-7)

- Christ our **King** convinces, subdues, draws, upholds, delivers, and preserves us to His heavenly Kingdom.
- We need the sovereign **King** because of our averseness and utter inability to return to God, and for our rescue and security from our spiritual adversaries.

Westminster Shorter Catechism 26: *How doth Christ execute the office of a King?*

Christ executeth the office of a King, in subduing us to Himself, in ruling, and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.

Application:

- 1) **Heed** the Word of God: God's Word is true must be obeyed.
- 2) **Trust** the Saviour's Blood: There is no other salvation, only the sufficient and efficacious work of the Lord Christ.
- 3) Be **Faithful** to the King: The Lord rules and reigns over all things, and is victorious. His subjects and co-heirs are to live in loyal submission to His glorious authority.