

THE PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST

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CHRIST THE MEDIATOR OF GOD'S COVENANT WITH MAN

Week 6



REVIEW: WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

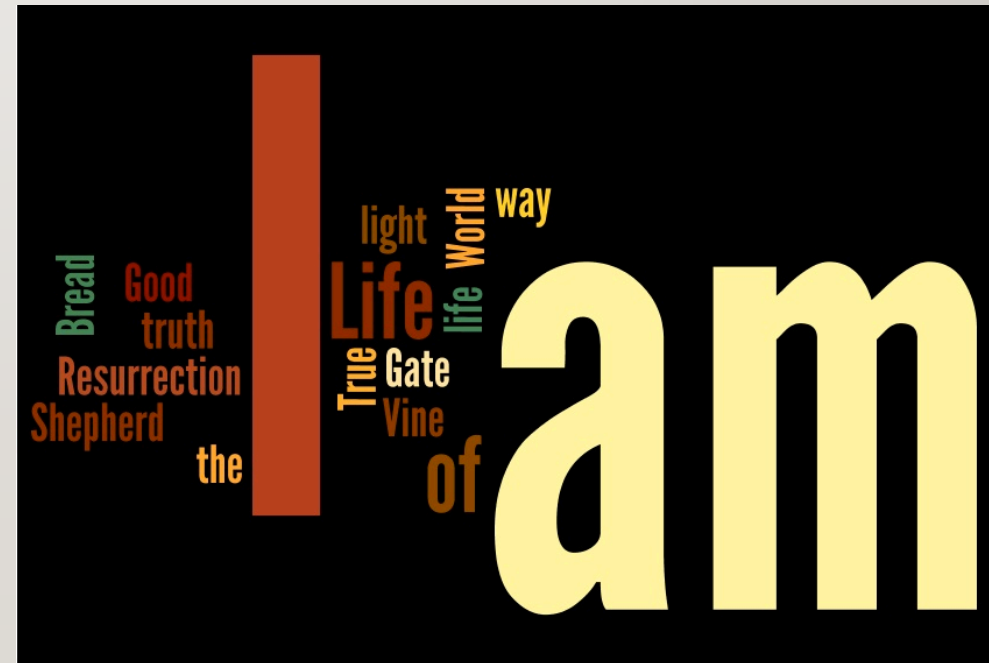
1. Fully God
2. Fully Man
3. Only one Person (not two) and not a mixture (e.g. brass), it is a personal union (*Hypostatic*)

PURPOSE OF THE INCARNATION

- Salvation of sinners
- Manifest God to man
- Manifest man as he was created to be

REVIEW: THE NAMES OF GOD

- Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” (John 8:58)
- God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” (Exodus 3:14)



REVIEW: JESUS WAS BORN A MAN

- But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, (Galatians 4:4)
- Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)
- And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. (Luke 1:31)



REVIEW: JESUS NOT ABLE TO SIN

- Christ cannot ever sin
- It is not that He did not happen to sin in His life
- Because of who Jesus Christ is
- He is very God of very God

THE NAMES OF CHRIST



JESUS

Ἰησοῦς

- This is simply the Greek form of “Joshua,” which means “Jehovah is my help” or “Jehovah saves.”
- For this reason WLC 41 says, Our Mediator was called Jesus, because he saves his people from their sins (Mt. 1:21)

CHRIST

Χριστός

- This is the Greek form of the Hebrew word “Messiah,” which means “anointed one.” The Greek translation of the Old Testament uses Christ in the same way.
- Christ is anointed with the Holy Spirit and set apart for the work of redemption (John 1:41; 3:34; 4:25; Psalm 45:7)

CHRIST THE MEDIATOR



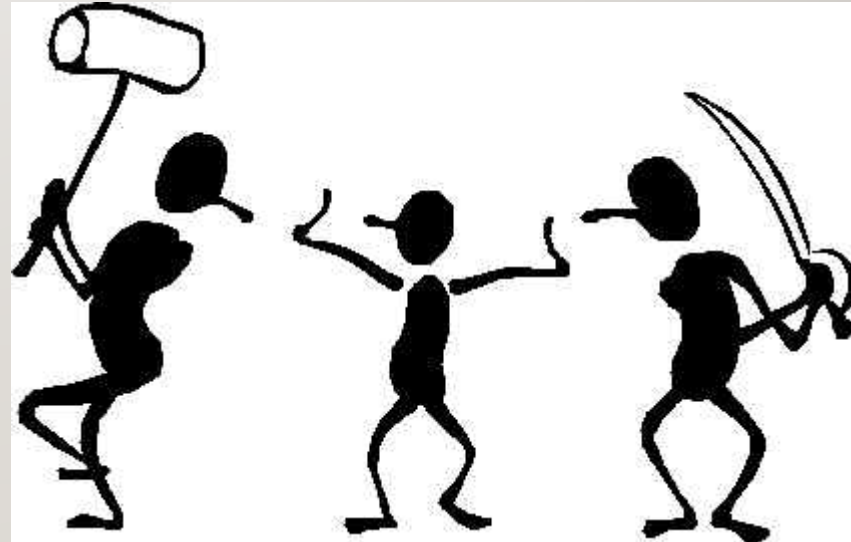
WHAT IS A MEDIATOR?

- A mediator in the NT is “middle man,” in the sense of “go-between”



WHAT IS A MEDIATOR?

- A mediator can stop hostility between two sides
- Sinful man is an enemy of God



WHY IS A MEDIATOR NEEDED?

- For the mind that is set on the flesh is **hostile to God**, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. (Romans 8:7)
- And you, who once were **alienated and hostile** in mind, doing evil deeds, (Colossians 1:21)
- For if while **we were enemies** we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. (Romans 5:10)

WHY IS A MEDIATOR NEEDED?

- She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:21)
- Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. (Isaiah 55:4–5)
- And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, (1 Cor. 1:30)

MEDIATOR

- There is no arbiter between us, who might lay his hand on us both. (Job 9:33)
- Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one. (Galatians 3:19–20)

HOW DOES CHRIST MEDIATE?

- Christ is a Mediator by who He is
 - God and man
- Also a Mediator by what He does
 - We call these His “Offices”
 - Kind of like a job title

WHAT IS A MEDIATOR?

- Because Christ is the God-man He can be the one to bring God and man together
- I Timothy 2:4-7



MEDIATOR

- For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. (1 Timothy 2:4–7)

MEDIATOR

- But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he **mediates** is better, since it is enacted on better promises. (Hebrews 8:6)
- Therefore he is the **mediator of a new covenant**, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. (Hebrews 9:15)

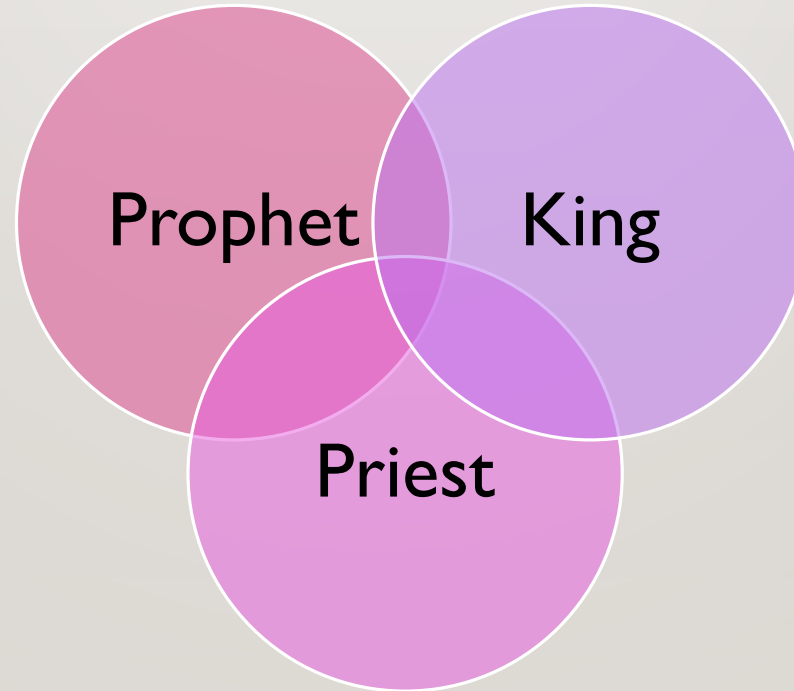
WHY GOD?

- That He might be sustained under the Divine wrath and death (Acts 2:24-25; Romans 1:4; Hebrews 9:14)
- To give infinite worth to His sufferings, obedience and intercession (Acts 20:28; Hebrews 7:25-28).

WHY MAN?

- That He might perform obedience to the Law
- To suffer and make intercession in our nature
- To have fellow feeling for our infirmities

CHRIST'S OFFICES



CHRIST THE PROPHET

NEXT WEEK