

THE PERSON AND WORK OF CHRIST

PASTOR FRED GRECO



CHRIST THE PRIEST

Week 9

REVIEW: MEDIATOR

1. One who “goes between”
2. One who administers God’s covenant
3. One who is God and man!

REVIEW: MEDIATOR

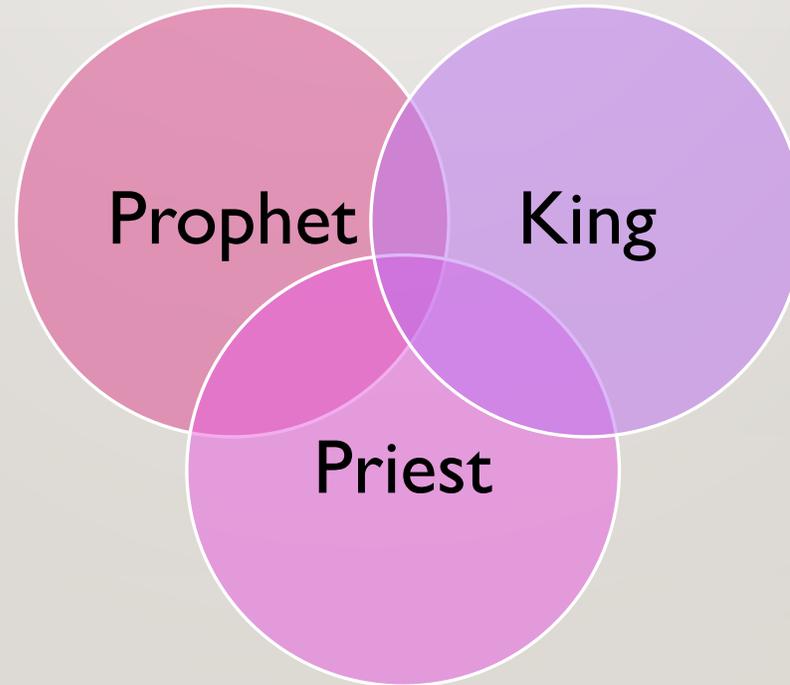
WHY GOD?

- Only God could stand under God's wrath
- Only God could provide infinite worth

WHY MAN?

- Only man could obey under Law
- Only man could suffer in our nature
- Sympathy

REVIEW: CHRIST'S OFFICES



REVIEW: PROPHET

- The **message**— the will of God for our salvation and edification
- The **means**— His Word and Spirit



REVIEW: KING

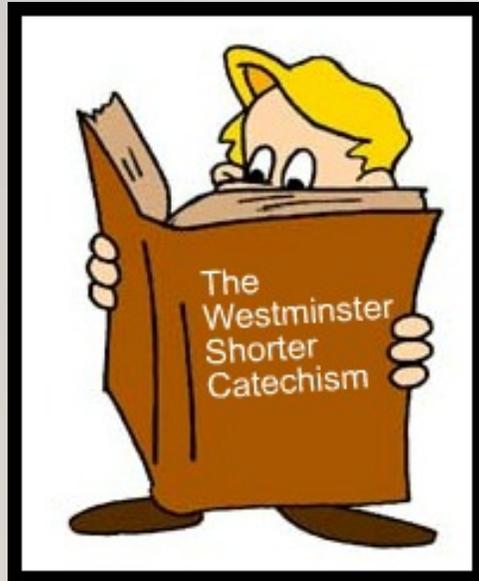
- Subduing a people to Himself
- Ruling and defending His people
- Restraining and conquering His and our enemies



CHRIST THE PRIEST



JESUS CHRIST THE PRIEST



- *How does Christ execute the office of a priest?*
- Christ executes 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.

JESUS CHRIST THE PRIEST

- His once offering up of Himself a **sacrifice**
 - to satisfy divine justice,
 - and reconcile us to God
- making continual **intercession** for us

CHRIST'S SACRIFICE



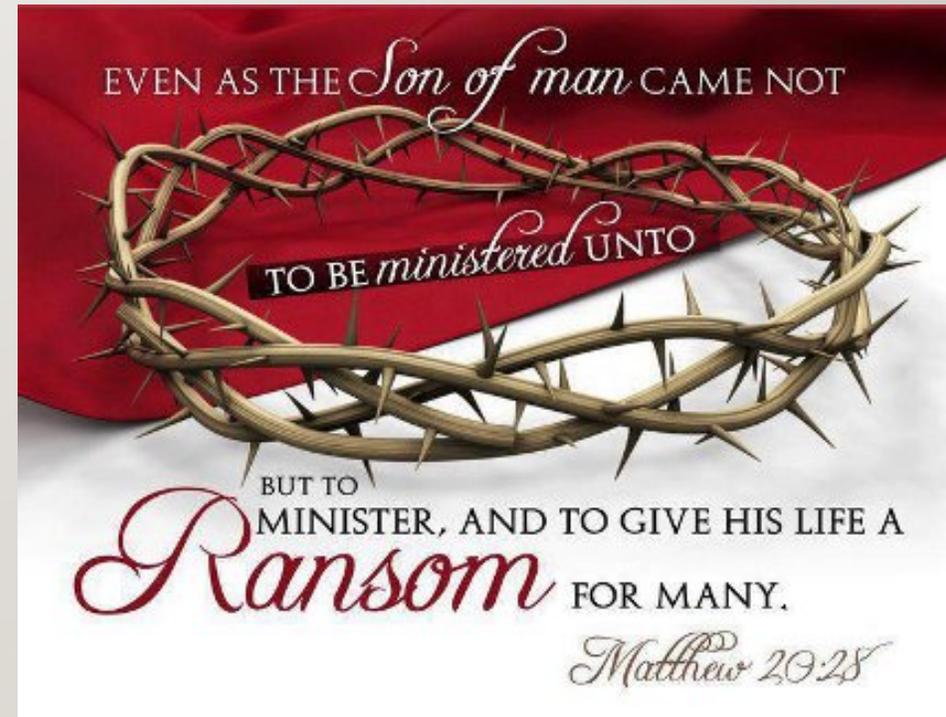
OFFERING HIMSELF A SACRIFICE

***What does it mean
for Christ to have
offered Himself as a
sacrifice?***

- Anointed by God (Heb. 5:4-6)
- Offered up Himself once (Heb. 9:26-28)
- Bore our sins (1 Peter 2:24)

OFFERING HIMSELF A SACRIFICE

- Sufficient Sacrifice
- Father accepted it
(Ephesians 5:2)
- Paid the ransom for our
sins (Matthew 20:28)



CONSEQUENCES

- Reconciliation with God
- Reconciled with each other



CHRIST'S INTERCESSION



INTERCESSION

- What?
- Where?
- When?

INTERCESSION

- What? – Prayer, pleading
- Where? – Right Hand of God
- When? - Always

INTERCESSION – WHAT?

- Prayer and pleading as our advocate
 - If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it. (John 14:14)



INTERCESSION – WHERE?



- At the Right Hand of God
 - Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. (Romans 8:34)

INTERCESSION – WHEN?

- Always
- Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.
(Hebrews 7:25)

WE NEED THIS INTERCESSION

FOR OUR COMFORT

- And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.
(John 14:16–17)

FOR OUR PERSEVERANCE

- Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.
(John 17:24)

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

- He stands as our surety, not just a friend
(Heb. 7:22-25)
- He pleads strongly, not weakly with His blood
(Heb. 12:24)
- Demanding fulfillment of covenant promises
(John 17:15-17; Ps. 2:8)

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

- Jesus is our advocate against accusations (1 John 2:1)
- Jesus presents our prayers to God
- Jesus is – the great High Priest

HOW CAN WE BE CONFIDENT?

- Righteousness of Christ's cause
- Relationship of the Father with the elect
- Who Christ is – the great High Priest
 - Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. (Heb. 4:14)
 - and since we have a great priest over the house of God, (Heb. 10:21)

CHRIST'S HUMILIATION

NEXT WEEK