

Deuteronomy 5, 18; Lord's Day 12
I BELIEVE IN CHRIST AS PROPHET

- I. The idea.
 - A. In general, a prophet is given the knowledge of God, and then he speaks in God's name, and declares His praises.
 1. The Hebrew word means to "boil up" and then "pour forth words;" in the passive to be moved/inspired by another.
 2. Prophets bubbled over with God's Word - with praise of God and with news of Christ's coming.
 - B. Before the fall, Adam knew God well – he had close communion constantly and he delighted in God's presence.
 - C. Sin changed the office so he did not want to know God, and even hated Him.
- II. When man fell, God promised to restore the office in the Messiah.
 - A. Jesus is the Messiah/Christ, the Anointed One, THE office-bearer, THE prophet.
 - B. What did He do as chief Prophet when He was on earth?
 - C. What does He do as chief Prophet in heaven?
- III. Jesus, THE Office-bearer, exercises His office of prophet through visible representations of Himself.
 - A. Old Testament prophets - in great mercy God spoke in direct revelation to selected men.
 - B. In the New Dispensation, preachers are Christ's instruments to be a prophet to His people.
- IV. As a result of the out-pouring of the anointing Spirit, the Spirit of Christ dwells within every believer.
 - A. The right to be called a Christian is a gift of grace.
 - B. Those in Christ partake of His anointing and thus are Christians, anointed ones.
 - C. As prophets in church we readily submit to the Sword of the Spirit through the preaching of the gospel (I Thess. 5:12,13).
 - D. As prophets in this world we are to confess Christ's name.