

JANUARY 17th A.D. 2021

11:00 AM Worship

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen” (I Timothy 1:17)

Prelude

Announcements

Silent Meditation

***Call to Worship & Salutation**

***Invocation**

***Hymn # 347**

“The Church's One Foundation”

Our Confession of Faith

Canons of Dordt

Hymn # 305

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

Congregational Prayer

Hymn # 345

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

***Reading of Holy Scripture**

Revelation 5: 1 - 10

Sermon

Pastor Phil Poe

“The Purchase and Status of the Church”

***Hymn # 523**

“My Hope Is in The Lord”

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Building Fund Offering

Offertory Prayer

*** The Doxology #731**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Benediction**

Postlude

Why is Christ Reformed Church here?

We are an assembly of sinners who are saved by grace and transferred from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. We are called to glorify God and exalt our Lord Jesus Christ by the work of the Holy Spirit in all our being for the purpose of ministering to the saints of the Lord Jesus Christ and laboring for the Lord of the Harvest in the gathering of souls in our community. We desire to accomplish this by:

- Preaching & teaching the whole counsel of God
- Seeking the Lord's guidance & blessing as we pray for saints & sinners
- Equipping saints to utilize their spiritual gifts as they serve one another
- Training our youth in the Word of God as summarized in our standards
- Being salt and light in our community as faithful witnesses to the Bible

Heidelberg Catechism Question & Answer One

What is your only Comfort in Life and in Death?

That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live unto Him.

“Causes” of Salvation

The *Original Cause* is the sovereign will of God, for nothing can come into being save that which He decreed before the foundation of the world.

The *Meritorious Cause* is the mediatorial work of Christ, who “obtained eternal redemption” (Heb. 9:22) for His people, purchasing for them all the blessings of it by His perfect obedience to the Law and His sacrificial death.

The *Efficient Cause* is the varied operations of the Holy Spirit, who applies to the elect the benefits purchased by Christ, capacitating them to enjoy the same and making them meet for the inheritance of the saints in light.

The *Ministerial Cause* and means is the preaching of the Word (James 1:21), because it discovers to us where salvation is to be obtained.

The *Instrumental Cause* is faith, by which the soul receives or comes into possession of and obtains an interest in Christ and His redemption.

Such distinctions as these are not merely technicalities for theologians, but are part of the faith once delivered unto the saints, and unless they apprehend the same they are liable to be deceived by any Scripture-quoting false prophet who accosts them.

A. W. Pink, *Sermon on the Mount*