

John 6:69; Lord's Day 12

I BELIEVE IN THE CHRIST

- I. Faith that He is Christ.
 - A. Christ (Greek) and Messiah (Hebrew) mean “the anointed one” indicating that God gave Him the office.
 - 1. Adam had it originally, but the fall into sin changed the office into a service of the devil.
 - 2. In the Old Testament anointing symbolized God giving His Spirit, giving him the right and ability to function in office.
 - B. Was realized on Jesus when he was baptized by John, a voice was heard from heaven, and the Spirit (dove) descended.
 - C. As our chief Prophet He revealed the Father (Acts 3:21,22; John 1:18) in His words, person, and work.
 - 1. He not only revealed the way of salvation, but His cross makes Him to be the only way to the Father (John 14:6).
 - 2. He still functions as prophet through the office of the ministry of the Word – an on-going revelation of redemption.
 - D. As the great High Priest He was consecrated and dedicated to doing God’s will (Heb. 5:4-6; 10:7,9; 4:15,16).
 - 1. In perfect obedience He gave Himself as the sacrifice, bearing all of God’s wrath for His own (Heb. 9:14,28).
 - 2. As our Priest Jesus intercedes for us, serving as our Advocate before the Father (Hebrews 7:25).
 - E. As King He fought the battle of the Lord (Matt. 21:5) and rules today as universal king (Eph. 1:20-22).
 - 1. He fought by going to hell to destroy the power of Satan and to crush the Prince of darkness.
 - 2. As the King of kings He rules over all things for the sake of the Church.
- II. Those who are in Christ are partakers of His anointing and thus are Christians, anointed ones.
 - A. To have the right to be called a Christian is a gift of grace.
 - B. This means that we can and must live the life of Christians.
 - 1. As prophets we confess His name and have our speech seasoned with the Word.
 - 2. As priests we present ourselves as living sacrifices of thankfulness (Rom. 1:21).
 - 3. As kings we manfully fight against sin and Satan in this life, and afterwards reign with Him in eternity.