



## **Reformed Church in the U. S.**

### **2014: Colorado Family Camp, RCUS. Anointed as Prophet, Priest, and King**

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These notes are for your reference during the lecture and for study at home. There is much more material here than will be covered in the lectures.

Introduction: Heidelberg Catechism

Q31: Why is He called "Christ," that is, Anointed?

A31: Because He is ordained of God the Father and anointed with the Holy Ghost [1] to be our chief Prophet and Teacher,[2] who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption;[3] and our only High Priest,[4] who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us, and ever lives to make intercession for us with the Father;[5] and our eternal King, who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.[6]

1. Heb. 1:9 2. Deut. 18:15; Acts 3:22 3. John 1:18; 15:15 4. Psalms 110:4; Hebrews 7:21  
5. Romans 5:9-10 6. Psalm 2:6; Luke 1:33; Matthew 28:18; Isaiah 61:1-2; I Peter 2:24; Revelation 19:16

Q32: But why are you called a Christian?

A32: Because by faith I am a member of Christ [1] and thus a partaker of His anointing,[2] in order that I also may confess His Name,[3] may present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him,[4] and with a free conscience may fight against sin and the devil in this life,[5] and hereafter in eternity reign with Him over all creatures.[6]

1. Acts 11:26; I John 2:20, 27 2. Acts 2:17 3. Mark 8:38 4. Romans 12:1; Revelation 5:8, 10; I Peter 2:9; Revelation 1:6 5. I Tim. 1:18-19 6. II Tim. 2:12; Eph. 6:12; Revelation 3:21

1. Calvin popularized the meaning of Christ's anointed, a figure of speech comparing the anointing of oil in the OT with the gift of the Holy Ghost in the NT.
2. We will not in these lessons consider the special offices of prophet, priest, king: Christ who is the chief; the OT special offices; the New Testament special offices. We will restrict ourselves to the ordinary offices that each believe is called to serve according the HC. 31.
3. The prophet speaks from God to man. God has knowledge that He designs to impart to man. There is various aspect to this knowledge, directed to the faculties that constitute the image of God in man
4. The priest speaks to God from man, in order to obtain the mercy and healing that come from sins against the knowledge of God. His work is reconciliation and restoration to health. [We do not mean what God knows in Himself, but the knowledge that man is responsible to have in himself about God.]
5. The king administers the requirements of knowledge, to systematize it and translate it into action.
6. Jesus Christ is Lord over all, and has sent His Spirit to His people to enable each of them in the work ordained for them.
7. We are discovering that there are many physical benefits from various anointing oils—just as we have found that there are various healing chemicals in foods, which if extracted can do many wonderful things if we learn to dose them properly and understand them better. We thank God for the increase in knowledge in these various things for our bodies, and while they can do nothing for the soul, they serve as symbols for the health of the soul. Good food, good exercise, the balm of Gilead can do wonders for the body; and God has provided wonderful remedies for the health of the soul and its preservation unto eternal life. Ultimately the health of the body depends upon the health of the soul, for no amount of earthly medicine or nourishment can keep the body from death, but the body will find its full glory and health at the resurrection to life eternal, with the soul, at the coming of Jesus Christ.

## Scriptures and Notes for Lecture One: Man as a prophet.

### I. Key: John 14:3-26. VERSE 4. First Half Hour.

The Things the Apostles knew, but didn't know they knew. Fundamental principle of knowledge. Not only must you know something in order to know something else, if you know something then you DO know something else, if you will beat your donkey. Eph. 5:1-21

1. They knew where Jesus was going and they knew the way: to the Father. Vs. 6,7.
2. They knew the Father: Knowledge of Christ means the knowledge of the Father implicitly. Vs. 8,9. The knowledge that they had was obscured by their sin and hardness of hearts.
3. They knew their election and distinction from the world. Vs. 22-31ff.  
This is the reason we do not proof-text. The mind and the heart must be employed. Walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise. "Do not be unwise but understand what the will of the Lord is."

### II. See also 2 Timothy 1:6 Stir up the gift..... Beat your donkey.

1. Supplementary: 1John 2:18-29
2. Other passages illustrating this knowledge:  
John 6:45
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.
  - Hebrews 8:11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

### III. How does this square with:

1. The things that appear to be opposite:
  - a. Hebrews 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.
  - b. 2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.
  - c. 2 Timothy 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,
  - d. Titus 2:4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
2. Solution to paradox: John 3:1-21  
I Cor. 14:1ff.

## **Considerations and Applications.**

### **I. The personal knowledge of God.**

- A. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and the beginning of knowledge.**
- B. John 17:1-3**

### **II. The knowledge of Yourself:**

- A. Who am I? Why am I here; Where am I going?**
- B. See Isaiah 6:1-5 Isaiah had to know this before he could be commissioned to be a prophet.**
- C. Know your measure: Eph. 4:1-16: Know your measure.**

### **III. The knowledge of Others.**

- A. 1Kings 12:6. Followed the wrong counsel. Didn't know his people. But old men are not always wise: Job 32:9 Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.**
- B. Proverbs 11:14 Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.**
- C. Proverbs 12:20 Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil: but to the counsellors of peace is joy.**
- D. Proverbs 15:22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.**
- E. Proverbs 24:6 For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors there is safety.**
- F. Isaiah 1:26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.**
- G. Isaiah 19:11 Surely the princes of Zoan are fools, the counsel of the wise counsellors of Pharaoh is become brutish: how say ye unto Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?**
- H. Good counsel is the gift of God: See James 1:2-8**

### **IV. The knowledge of your trade**

- A. Things**
- B. People**
- C. Ideas**

**When Christians take their responsibility to truly be prophets of God and speak and live the truth, this will bring them into conflict with other systems of "truth" concocted by the devil and designed to hold men in bondage. Satan rules by lies and fear. Christians must be valiant for the truth if Satan's kingdom is to be vanquished.**

- 1 ¶ Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.**
- 2 For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.**
- 3 ¶ Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:**
- 4 And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.**
- 5 A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength. Proverbs 24.**

# Scriptures and Notes for Lecture Two: The Man as Priest.

The Priest speaks to God for man. His business is reconciliation.

No institution, family, business, nation, church, or school can survive if transgressions against its creed and knowledge base are allowed.

- 1, Two cannot walk together unless there is agreement.
2. Every institution has [or should have] clearly defined ways of conflict resolution, including methods for amending or adding or subtracting from its knowledge base.
3. The work of the priest is reconciliation, peace, and health.

What are we to do when we and our fellows transgress against the knowledge of God.

- I. Our problem: our transgression brings the wrath of God.
2. This wrath brings hardening of the heart and blinding of the mind.
3. This results in lies and violence, after the devil who is a murderer and a liar.
4. Man cannot be reconciled to God without knowledge, but he cannot have knowledge without being reconciled to God.

Key Passages.

2Cor. 5:14-6:18 Reconciliation means unity within the knowledge base; not the fusion of opposites. Have no fellowship with the workers of iniquity.

Isaiah 59

## Considerations

- I. **You must begin by accepting the truth yourself.**
  - A. **You must be reconciled to God. The Gospel is about forgiveness of sins and reconciliation of the rebel with the truth. To believe a lie is to be damned. Jesus is the light of the world, the way, the truth the life.**
- II. **You must be reconciled to yourself.**
  - A. **Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.**
  - B. **Phil. 4:4-9 Peace in your own hearts. Give up the battle.**
- III. **You must be reconciled to others.**
  - A. **The Gospel is about being reconciled to others. To forgive the sins of others as you expect to be forgiven by God.**
  - B. **Matthew 5:21-26**
- IV. **You must be reconciled to your occupation and lot in life.**
  - A. **The Gospel is about being reconciled to your occupation and all of creation.**
  - B. **1 Cor. 7:20-24.**
  - C. **No double-mindedness. Stability.**

**D. What a tyrant is ungodly desire: Proverbs 30:15-16**

**E. The satisfaction of godly work.**

1. “For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man shall bear his own burden.” (Ga 6:3-5 AV)
2. “And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;” (1Th 4:11 AV)
3. “Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you:” (2Th 3:1 AV)
4. “A man’s gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.” (Pr 18:16 AV)
5. **Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:22-24**

# Scriptures and Notes for Lecture Three: Man as King, or Administrator under God.

## Key passages:

Acts 1:1-8

Psalm 110

Acts 2:35 etc.

Philippians 2:1-13

2Timothy 2:1ff

**Ephesians 6:10-20**

2Cor 10:1-15

- I. Man must accept God as His king and the foundation of His authority.
  - A. Man must not be a truant.
  - B. Man must not be a tyrant.
- II. Man must first rule himself and bring his body, soul, and spirit under the rule of Christ. Proverbs 25: 28 ¶ He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls. 2Peter 1:6. Add temperance. Self-control, one of the fruits of the Spirit. Naturally, it means the mind controls the body and its passions and desires. Spiritually, it means that we deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow Christ. We willingly submit to the rule of the Spirit in obedience to Christ.
- III. Man must rule those who are under his authority. In the spirit of Christ, recognizing that they also have their responsibilities.
  - A. In the family; B. In the church; C. in the Nation.
  - B. Evil comes in through evil men, and conflict with evil means conflict with wicked and godless and contentious men, or women.
- IV. Man must rule his occupation and rule over things, people, ideas. All of this is under God.