

“OF CHRIST THE MEDIATOR”

Chapter 8 of the Second London Confession of Faith

- ▶ Defining Jesus Christ is vital to our identity and our eternal well-being
- ▶ The church spent 8 centuries working on the doctrine of Christ the Mediator
- ▶ Agreement among the great confessions on this doctrine
- ▶ Paragraph 1 provides an overview of the doctrine
- ▶ Christ's Office of Mediator Originates in the Triune God
 - ▶ Scripture presents the Covenant of Redemption from different angles
 - ▶ Eternal agreement
 - ▶ Eternity and redemption
 - ▶ Mediator and Covenant
 - ▶ Election: who is redeemed; Covenant of Redemption: how are they redeemed

REVIEW

- ▶ “The agreement between the Father, giving the Son as Head and Redeemer of the elect, and the Son, voluntarily taking the place of those whom the Father had given Him.”
- ▶ Louis Berkhof. Systematic Theology. Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI, 1996. p. 271

REVIEW

- ▶ “The divine appointment of Christ to his mediatory office affords a striking proof of the love of the Father, who "sent his only begotten Son to be the propitiation for our sins," and lays a firm foundation for our trust in Christ. Without the appointment of his Father, his work would not have been valid in law for our redemption; but this appointment assures us, that the whole work of his mediation is most acceptable to God, and affords us the highest encouragement to rely upon his finished work for our eternal salvation.”
- ▶ Robert Shaw from *The Reformed Faith: An Exposition of the Westminster Confession*

▶ **Jesus can complete the task given to Him by the Father**

- ▶ “It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, according to the covenant made between them both, to be the mediator between God and man;
- ▶ the prophet, priest, and king; head and savior of the church, the heir of all things, and judge of the world; unto whom he did from all eternity give a people to be his seed and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

THE THREE-FOLD OFFICE DEMONSTRATES
JESUS' POWER AND AUTHORITY AS OUR
MEDIATOR



▶ *Head*

- ▶ 2 Sam 22:44
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 11:3
- ▶ Colossians 1:18, 2:10
- ▶ Ephesians 1:22, 4:15, 5:23

▶ *Savior*

- ▶ Isaiah 45:21, Hosea 13:4
- ▶ Luke 2:11, John 4:42, Acts 5:31, 1 John 4:14
- ▶ Ephesians 5:23

▶ *Heir of All Things*

- ▶ Romans 4:13, Hebrews 1:2

▶ *Judge of the World*

- ▶ Gen 18:25, Psalm 50:3-6
- ▶ John 5:22, Acts 10:42, Acts 17:31

THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST
DEMONSTRATES HIS POWER AND
AUTHORITY AS OUR MEDIATOR

▶ *Church*

- ▶ Ephesians 5:23
- ▶ Deuteronomy 23:1-9, Psalm 22:22, 25,
- ▶ Gal 1:13, Gal 1:22,
- ▶ Col 1:18, 1 Tim 3:15, Ephesians 3:10

▶ *A People*

- ▶ Deuteronomy 7:6, 1 Peter 2:10
- ▶ Isa 53:10; Joh 17:6; Rom 8:30

THE APPLICATION OF REDEMPTION
DEMONSTRATES JESUS' POWER AND
AUTHORITY AS OUR MEDIATOR

CONCLUSION

