

# 2<sup>nd</sup> London Baptist Confession of Faith Study

## Christ the Mediator - LBCF 8.1

Providence Reformed Baptist Church

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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.

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### I. Introduction

#### 1. Summary of Related Topics

- i. The Necessity of a Mediator - LBCF 6
- ii. The Covenant of Redemption to Send the Mediator - LBCF 7

#### 2. Goal of this Lesson: Overview and Awe

### II. Textual Overview of the Confession

1. The Covenant of Redemption is central to the Son's work as Mediator.
2. The relation of the Son to the Father is fitting for the Father's sending of the Son.
3. The office of the mediator fulfills Old Testament prophecy and expectation.
4. The Mediator bears a special, consummated, Adamic glory.
5. The Mediator brings his people to glory.

### III. The Glories of the Mediator

- i. Psalm 8 - New Adam and a New Creation
- ii. The Author's Present Place in the Psalm
- iii. The Man Identified as Jesus
- iv. The Mediator Enthroned

### IV. The End Goal of the Mediator

- i. The Father Prepared the Mediator for His Work
- ii. The Father Gave the Mediator a People to Save
- iii. The People are identified with the Mediator as the Father's Through His Work

### V. The Identification of the Mediator with His People

- i. The Purpose of Taking Human Nature
- ii. The Uniqueness of His Identification with Mankind
- iii. The Past to Present Effects of the the Incarnation

Hebrews 2:5-18

Heb. 2:5 For He did not subject to angels the world to come, concerning which we are speaking. 6 But one has testified somewhere, saying,

“WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU REMEMBER HIM?  
OR THE SON OF MAN, THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?  
7 “YOU HAVE MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS;  
YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR,  
AND HAVE APPOINTED HIM OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;  
8 YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET.”

For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him. 9 But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

Heb. 2:10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings. 11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12 saying,

“I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR NAME TO MY BRETHREN,  
IN THE MIDST OF THE CONGREGATION I WILL SING YOUR PRAISE.”

13 And again,

“I WILL PUT MY TRUST IN HIM.”

And again,

“BEHOLD, I AND THE CHILDREN WHOM GOD HAS GIVEN ME.”

Heb. 2:14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. 16 For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham. 17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.