

“What it Means to be Reformed”; Session # 69, Solus Christus - “Christ Foreordained as Mediator”, Prepared by Pastor Paul Rendall for the Adult Sunday School Class on February 28th, 2016.

Read 1st Peter 1: 20 and 21 – “He (Christ Jesus) indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.”

This morning we want to remember what we studied last Sunday about the Covenant of Redemption; that great council which took place in eternity past between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit concerning the redemption of God’s elect through Christ Jesus, and we want to link it with what we will study this morning concerning Christ Jesus, who is the only Mediator between God and men. Let us think together about our salvation being all of Christ from its beginning in the mind of God in eternity, to its being established in the gospel which was preached to us, which concerns Christ as the only one who can bring us to God. Christ was “foreordained” to this glorious work of our salvation.

John Gill says: “Or “foreknown”; that is, by God; and which intends, not barely His prescience of Christ, of what he should be, do, and suffer; but such a previous knowledge of him, which is joined with love and affection to Him; not merely as his own Son, and the express image of His person, but as Mediator; and whom He loved before the world was, and with a love of complacency and delight, and which will last forever. It includes the choice of Him as the head of the election, and the pre-ordination of His human nature, to the grace of union to His divine Person, and the pre-appointment of Him to various things.”

Albert Barnes says: “**Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world** - That is, it was foreordained, or predetermined, that he should be the great atoning Sacrifice for sin. On the meaning of the word “foreordained,” (*προγινώσκω* *proginōskō*), see [Rom 8:29](#). The word is rendered which knew, [Act 26:5](#); foreknew and foreknow, [Rom 8:29](#); [Rom 11:2](#); foreordained, [1Pe 1:20](#); and know before, [2Pe 2:17](#). It does not elsewhere occur in the New Testament. The sense is, that the plan was formed, and the arrangements made for the atonement, before the world was created.

a) Isaiah 42: 1-9 – “Behold!” “My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights!” “I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.” “He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street.” “A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth.” “He will not fail nor be discouraged, till He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands shall wait for His law.” “Thus says God the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk on it: I, the Lord, have called You in righteousness, and will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the Gentiles, to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the prison, those who sit in darkness from the prison house.”

Isaiah 49: 8-10 – “Thus says the Lord: ‘In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You; I will preserve You and give You as a covenant to the people, to restore the earth, to cause them to inherit the desolate heritages; that You may say to the

prisoners, 'Go forth,' to those who are in darkness, 'show yourselves.' "They shall feed along the roads, and their pastures shall be on all desolate heights." "They shall neither hunger nor thirst, neither heat nor sun shall strike them; for He who has mercy on them will lead them, even by the springs of water He will guide them."