

Westminster Confession of Faith: Session Nine
WCF 8 – Of Christ the Mediator

“There is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time” (1 Timothy 2:5-6 NKJV).

- I. Introduction
 - a. Nicene Creed (325)
 - b. Athanasian Creed
 - c. Chalcedonian Definition (431)

- II. WCF Chapter VIII
 - a. *The Redemptive Call of Christ (8.1)*
Identity of Christ

Offices of Christ

- b. *The Incarnate Son (8.2)*
Two Natures

One Person

Common Heresies

Nestorianism: Christ was two persons

Eutychianism: Christ was mixture of human/divine; “third substance”; one nature

Apollinarianism: Christ’s humanity not entire; no human soul; human shell

Docetism: Christ only *appeared* to be human

- c. *Christ the Mediator (8.3)*
Christ *must* be God (WLC 38).

Christ *must* be man (WLC 39).

d. *The States of the Mediator* (8.4)
Philippians 2:5-11

Humiliation (WSC 27: "Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition a, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.")

Exaltation (WSC 28: "Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.")

e. *The Atonement of Christ* (8.5, 8)

f. *Christ and the Covenant of Grace* (8.6)

g. *The "Communication of Attributes"* (8.7)
Communicatio idiomatum

"Kenosis" Heresy: Christ emptied himself of some of his divine attributes at the incarnation.

Helpful Resources

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