

# Chapter 8. Of Christ the Mediator:

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## 1. God Chose Jesus to Save Sinners

In his eternal purpose and according to the covenant made between them, God was pleased to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten son, to be:

- the mediator between God and humanity [1](#)
- the prophet [2](#)
- priest [3](#)
- and king [4](#)
- head and savior of the church [5](#)
- the heir of all things, [6](#)
- and judge of the world. [7](#)

From all eternity, God gave Jesus a people to be his offspring and to be redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified at some point in time through him. [8](#)

1. [Isaiah 42:1; 1 Peter 1:19-20](#)

2. [Acts 3:22](#)

3. [Hebrews 5:5-6](#)

4. [Psalms 2:6; Luke 1:33](#)

5. [Ephesians 1:22-23](#)

6. [Hebrews 1:2](#)

7. [Acts 17:31](#)

8. [Isaiah 53:10](#); [John 17:6](#); [Romans 8:30](#)

## 2. Jesus, the Second Person of the Trinity

The Son of God is the second person of the Holy Trinity and:

- is fully and eternally God
- is the brightness of the Father's glory
- is of the same substance as the Father and equal with the Father who made the world
- sustains and governs everything he made

At the proper time, he took on a human nature, along with all of its essential properties and common weaknesses, [9](#) except sin. [10](#) He was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary when the Holy Spirit came down upon her and the power of the Most High overshadowed her. He was born from a woman of the tribe of Judah and was a descendent of Abraham and David, according to the Scriptures. [11](#) In this way, two whole, perfect, and distinct natures were inseparably joined together in one person. One nature never converts into the other, and the two natures are completely pure and unmixed. This person is fully God and fully human, and at the same time one Christ. He is the only mediator between God and humanity. [12](#)

9. [John 1:14](#); [Galatians 4:4](#)

10. [Romans 8:3](#); [Hebrews 2:14, 16-17, 4:15](#)

11. [Matthew 1:22-23](#)

12. [Luke 1:27, 31, 35](#); [Romans 9:5](#); [1 Timothy 2:5](#)

## 3. Jesus Is Mediator

The Lord Jesus, as someone whose human nature was in this way united with his divine nature (the person of the Son), was sanctified and anointed with the Holy Spirit beyond measure. [13](#) He had in himself all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. [14](#) It pleased the Father that all fullness would dwell in him, [15](#) so that, as someone

who was holy, harmless, undefiled, 16 and full of grace and truth, 17 he would be fully qualified to fulfill the office of mediator and guarantor. 18 He did not take this office upon himself, but rather was called to it by his father, 19 who also put all power and judgment into his hand and commanded him to execute this power and judgment. 20

13. Psalms 45:7; Acts 10:38; John 3:34
14. Colossians 2:3
15. Colossians 1:19
16. Hebrews 7:26
17. John 1:14
18. Hebrews 7:22
19. Hebrews 5:5
20. John 5:22, 27; Matthew 28:18; Acts 2:36

## 4. Jesus' Atoning Work

Jesus willingly accepted this office. 21 In order to fulfill it, he was born under the law. 22 He perfectly fulfilled the law and suffered the punishment we deserved, which we should have endured and suffered. 23 He was made sin and a curse for us. 24 He endured extremely serious sorrows in his soul and extremely painful sufferings in his body. 25 He was crucified and died, and remained in a state of death, but his body did not decay. 26 On the third day, he rose from the dead 27 with the same body in which he suffered. 28 In this body, he also ascended into heaven, 29 where he sits at the right hand of his Father and intercedes. 30 He will return to judge humanity and angels at the end of the age. 31

21. Psalms 40:7-8; Hebrews 10:5-10; John 10:18
22. Galatians 4:4; Matthew 3:15
23. Galatians 3:13; Isaiah 53:6; 1 Peter 3:18
24. 2 Corinthians 5:21
25. Matthew 26:37, 38; Luke 22:44; Matthew 27:46
26. Acts 13:37
27. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
28. John 20:25, 27
29. Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11
30. Romans 8:34; Hebrews 9:24

31. Acts 10:42; Romans 14:9-10; Acts 1:11; 2 Peter 2:4

## 5. Jesus Accomplished Reconciliation

By his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself, which he offered up to God through the eternal Spirit, the Lord Jesus has

- fully satisfied the justice of God [32](#)
- obtained reconciliation
- and purchased an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven for everyone whom the Father has given to Jesus [33](#)

32. Hebrews 9:14, 10:14; Romans 3:25-26

33. John 17:2; Hebrews 9:15

## 6. Jesus Is Also the Savior of Old Testament Saints

The price of redemption was not actually paid by Christ until after his incarnation. However, the virtue, effectiveness, and benefit of it was applied to the elect throughout all of history, from the beginning of the world. This was done through the promises, types, and sacrifices which revealed him and demonstrated that he would be the seed that would bruise the serpent's head [34](#) and the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. [35](#) He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. [36](#)

34. 1 Corinthians 4:10; Hebrews 4:2; 1 Peter 1:10-11

35. Revelation 13:8

36. Hebrews 13:8

## 7. Christ Is Fully God And Full Man.

As mediator, Christ acts according to both natures. Each nature does what is proper for that nature. However, because the two natures are unified in one person, the Bible sometimes attributes what is proper for one nature to the other nature in the one person. [37](#)

37. John 3:13; Acts 20:28

## 8. Christ Fully Saves Everyone He Died For

To everyone for whom Christ has obtained eternal redemption, he certainly and effectually applies and imparts it. He:

- intercedes for them [38](#)
- unites them to himself by his Spirit
- reveals to them the mystery of salvation in and by his word
- persuades them to believe [39](#)
- governs their hearts by his Word and Spirit [40](#)
- and overcomes all their enemies by his almighty power and wisdom. [41](#)

He uses means and ways that are perfectly consistent with his wonderful and unsearchable governance. All of this is by his free and absolute grace, not because he foresaw any merit in them. [42](#)

38. [John 6:37, 10:15-16, 17:9; Romans 5:10](#)

39. [John 17:6; Ephesians 1:9; 1 John 5:20](#)

40. [Romans 8:9, 14](#)

41. [Psalms 110:1; 1 Corinthians 15:25-26](#)

42. [John 3:8; Ephesians 1:8](#)

## 9. Jesus Is the Only Savior and Mediator

Jesus is the only mediator between God and humanity. He is the prophet, priest, and king of the church of God. This office of mediator cannot be transferred from him to anyone else, either in whole or in any part. [43](#)

43. [1 Timothy 2:5](#)

## 10. Jesus As Prophet, Priest, and King

The number and nature of these offices is necessary. We need him as **prophet** because of our ignorance. [44](#) We need him as **priest** to reconcile us and present us as acceptable to God because we are alienated from God and imperfect in even the best of our service to God. [45](#) We need him as **king** to convince, subdue, draw, sustain, deliver, and preserve us for his heavenly kingdom and to rescue and secure us from our spiritual enemies because we are hostile and completely unable to turn towards God. [46](#)

[44. John 1:18](#)

[45. Colossians 1:21; Galatians 5:17](#)

[46. John 16:8; Psalms 110:3; Luke 1:74-75](#)