

Systematic Theology session 36
Redeemed, Part 5

- The office of Christ as high priest.
 - The office of high priest as a representative, appointed on behalf of men, in things pertaining to God.
 - The work of Christ, our high priest, at the cross.
 - Propitiation: The turning away of God's just wrath from the sinner, because His just wrath was poured out on the sinner's substitute, Christ (Hebrews 2:17).
 - The "moving cause" of propitiation as being God's love (1 John 4:10).
 - Expiation: The release from our sins; the full and complete remission of sins.
 - The work of "perfect forgiveness" (according to the 17th century theologian Herman Witsius).
 - The taking away of sin (2 Samuel 12:13); guilt (liability to punishment) is taken away.
 - The transferring of our sins to our substitute, Christ.
 - The Old Testament type of this transferring, the goat of the sin offering on the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16:7-10, 15).
 - The expiation of our sins; God's perfect justice can demand no more from us or from Christ.
 - The Old Testament type of this expiation as the Azazel goat, or the scapegoat (Leviticus 16:21-22).
 - The result is that God will no longer remember our sins against us (Hebrews 8:11-12, Psalm 103:11-12, Micah 7:18-20).
 - The uniqueness of Christ, our high priest, as the One with clean hands and a pure heart who can "ascend the hill of the Lord" (Psalm 24:3-5).
 - The ongoing work of Christ, our high priest.
 - The work of Christ as both the offering for sin, and the offeror, as completed at the cross (Hebrews 10:11-14, Hebrews 10:26-27).
 - The ongoing work of our high priest, Christ, in Heaven, as our intercessor (Hebrews 9:22-24).
 - The reason for ongoing representation as not being the gaining of merit (which was completed at the cross), but because we still sin (1 John 2:1-2).
 - The ongoing intercession of Christ, as He appears before the Father on our behalf, as our continuing high priest, testifying of His own completed sacrifice that has already addressed our sin (Revelation 5:5-6).
 - The ongoing intercession of Christ, in His receiving our prayers, and perfecting our prayers.
 - The ongoing intercession of Christ, in His prayers for us (Romans 8:31-39, Hebrews 7:25).
 - The uniqueness of Christ as our mediator, with no other mediator needed or available (1 Timothy 2:5-6).