

The Westminster Confession

Chapter 8

Of Christ the Mediator

6. Although the work of redemption was not actually wrought by Christ till after His incarnation, yet the virtue, efficacy, and benefits thereof were communicated unto the elect, in all ages successively from the beginning of the world, in and by those promises, types, and sacrifices, wherein He was revealed and signified to be the seed of the woman which should bruise the serpent's head; and the Lamb slain from the beginning of the world; being yesterday and today the same, and for ever.

7. Christ, in the work of mediation, acts according to both natures, by each nature doing that which is proper to itself; yet, by reason of the unity of the person, that which is proper to one nature is sometimes in Scripture attributed to the person denominated by the other nature.

8. To all those for whom Christ hath purchased redemption, He doth certainly and effectually apply and communicate the same; making intercession for them, and revealing unto them, in and by the Word, the mysteries of salvation; effectually persuading them by His Spirit to believe and obey, and governing their hearts by His Word and Spirit; overcoming all their enemies by His almighty power and wisdom, in such manner, and ways, as are most consonant to His wonderful and unsearchable dispensation.

SERMON WORKSHEET

Sunday 3rd April, 2011 - PM service

“Where Christ’s Redemption Works To & Through”

READINGS: 1)..... 2).....

TEXT:

INTRODUCTION

Like the Heidelberg Catechism the Westminster Confession is divided into T..... parts

Chapter 8 ends the part about the F..... of Christian Truth

The second part is the chapters till - that’s about how redemption is applied

The third part is the chapters till - that’s about the Christian L.....

1 - CHRIST’S WORK IS FOR ALL WHO BELIEVE

Article 5 stated that Christ’s perfect obedience and sacrifice has gained for everyone: *Tick right box*

a) reconciliation & eternal inheritance[] b) the Father’s given Him reconciliation & eternal life[]

Those who lived before Jesus came were:

a) lost as Jesus hadn’t done His work [] b) saved by faith in the promise of Jesus’ coming []

This is what Jesus showed about Abraham in John : (Ps.51:16f; Heb.9:9 & 10:14)

The law was the shadow of the G..... things to come

From when the first sign was given in G..... 3:15 there has been the Church of Christ

2 - CHRIST’S WORK IS THROUGH WHO HE IS

We heard about this also earlier in the Confession in Article of this Chapter

The Divine nature of Christ is the F..... from which His revelation as prophet comes

At the same time His humanity is the F..... through which His godhead is revealed

Which one of these is showing the human nature of Christ suffered for His Church:

a) Acts 20:28 saying that God purchased the church with his own blood []

b) John 3:13 saying that the Son of Man came from heaven []

The Lutheran doctrine mistaking this is called ‘transubstantiation’? YES / NO ? *Cross wrong one*

Anything unbiblical here is quite D.....

Teaching about the foundations of the Christian faith has to speak about H..... it came to us

3 - CHRIST’S WORK IS APPLIED TO US

Here is the P..... of salvation (John 6:37 & 10:16)

Christ through the S..... effectively applies this redemption to those He died for

G.I. Williamson says that these 4 truths are helpful help us to R..... this:

1) Christ freely O..... salvation to all those who hear the gospel, elect or not (Mt 22:14)

2) Christ promised that no one who A..... His offer would be cast out (Jn 6:37)

3) The difficulty with those who are not C..... is completely in themselves (Eph.2:1)

4) The elect come only because Christ E..... the to do so (Lk 10:22)

Mrs Romaine showed this to a clergyman by comparing it with how he:

a) wouldn’t want promotion if he could [] b) would have a bishopric if offered it []

Christ’s 3-fold office stated in Art is what is here said to be working through His own

Christ’s prophetic work to us is shown by the words ‘R.....’ and ‘persuading’

Christ’s kingly work is what the word ‘governing’ and ‘O.....’ are describing

Are you part of the great move of God Himself? YES / NO ? (1 Peter 2:9)