

DAILY BIBLE STUDIES

“Westminster Confession of Faith” Chapter VIII –Of Christ the Mediator (Part 1) Selected Scripture

December 14 – December 20, 2008

THE LORD'S DAY –This week, as we approach the celebration of Christmas, we again turn our attention to “The Westminster Confession of Faith” where we will focus specifically on Chapter VIII for our study. This chapter deals with the person and work of Jesus Christ as Mediator between God and man. In these Biblical truths we see the very purpose and reason we as believers have to celebrate the incarnation of our Lord at the Christmas season and always. Over the next two Lord’s Days we will go through this chapter of The Confession and see the work of the Mediator, Christ Jesus in two sermons. Read **1 Timothy 2:5**.

What truth(s) did I learn from God’s Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Ask God to teach you from His Word this week.

MONDAY – I. It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man (**Isaiah 42:1, 1 Peter 1:19, John 3:16, 1 Timothy 2:5**), the Prophet (**Acts 3:22**), Priest (**Hebrews 5:5-6**), and King (**Psalms 2:6, Luke 1:33**), the Head and Savior of His Church (**Ephesians 5:23**), the Heir of all things (**Hebrews 1:2**), and Judge of the world (**Acts 17:31**): unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed (**John 17:6, Psalms 22:30, Isaiah 53:10**), and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified (**1 Timothy 2:6, Isaiah 55:4-5, 1 Corinthians 1:30**).

What truth(s) did I learn from God’s Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Father, help me understand that Jesus Christ is the focus of Your plan and it is Him and His person and work in which You are well pleased.

TUESDAY – II. The Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon Him man's nature (**John 1:1, 14, 1 John 5:20, Philippians 2:6, Galatians 4:4**), with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin (**Hebrews 2:14, 16-17, Hebrews 4:15**); being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance (**Luke 1:27, 31, 35, Galatians 4:4**). So that two whole, perfect, and

Praise & Prayer	ADORATION Hallowed be Your name. (6:9)	AUTHORITY Your Kingdom come... (6:10)	APPEAL Give us this day... (6:11)	AQUITTAL Forgive us our debts... (6:12)	ASSISTANCE Deliver us from evil. (6:13a)	ADMIRATION For Yours is the Kingdom... (6:13)
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Matthew 6:9-13

distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion (**Luke 1:35, Colossians 2:9, Romans 9:5, 1 Peter 3:18, 1 Timothy 3:16**). Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man (**Romans 1:3-4, 1 Timothy 2:5**).

What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Father, thank You for the incredible reality that Jesus became a man and yet was and is also very God.

WEDNESDAY – III. The Lord Jesus, in His human nature thus united to the divine, was sanctified, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, above measure (**Psalms 45:7, John 3:34**), having in Him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (**Colossians 2:3**); in whom it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell (**Colossians 1:19**); to the end that, being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth (**Hebrews 7:26, John 1:14**), He might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of a Mediator and Surety (**Acts 10:38, Hebrews 12:24, Hebrews 7:22**). Which office He took not unto Himself, but was thereunto called by His Father (**Hebrews 5:4-5**), who put all power and judgment into His hand, and gave Him commandment to execute the same (**John 5:22, 27, Matthew 28:18, Acts 2:36**).

What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Jesus, help me to see You for who You really are; God in the flesh, who has all power, authority, and judgment in Your hand.

THURSDAY – IV. This office the Lord Jesus did most willingly undertake (**Psalms 40:7-8, Hebrews 10:5-10, John 10:18, Philippians 2:8**); which that He might discharge, He was made under the law (**Galatians 4:4**), and did perfectly fulfill it (**Matthew 3:15, Matthew 5:17**); endured most grievous torments immediately in His soul (**Matthew 26:37-38, Luke 22:44, Matthew 27:46**), and most painful sufferings in His body (**Matthew chapters 26-27**); was crucified, and died (**Philippians 2:8**), was buried, and remained under the power of death, yet saw no corruption (**Acts 2:23-24, 27, Acts 13:37**). On the third day He arose from the dead (**1 Corinthians 15:3-5**), with the same body in which He suffered (**John 20:25, 27**), with which also he ascended into heaven, and there sits at the right hand of His Father (**Mark 16:19**), making intercession (**Romans 8:34, Hebrews 9:24-25**), and shall return, to judge men and angels, at the end of the world (**Romans 14:9-10, Acts 1:11, Acts 10:42, Matthew 13:40-42, Jude 6, 2 Peter 2:4**).

What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Jesus, thank You for Your humility that is so clearly expressed in Your willingness to be obedient unto the point of suffering and death for Your people.

FRIDAY – V. The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience, and sacrifice of Himself, which He through the eternal Spirit, once offered up unto God, has fully satisfied the justice of His Father (**Romans 5:19, Hebrews 9:14, 16, Hebrews 10:14, Ephesians 5:2, Romans 3:25-26**); and purchased, not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for those whom the Father has given unto Him (**Daniel 9:24, 26, Colossians 1:19-20, Ephesians 1:11, 14, John 17:2, Hebrews 9:12, 15**).

What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: Father, thank You that Christ's sacrifice was enough to totally satisfy Divine justice on behalf of those who believe in Him for salvation. Thank You also for making me an heir with Christ of all the eternal blessings which He purchased for me.

SATURDAY – We will stop at this point in the Confession and will finish this chapter Lord willing next week. There is so much here for us to feast upon as believers in Christ Jesus. My prayer is that you will indeed feast your soul upon these wonderful truths and that God would give us faith to believe in this blessed gospel. The gospel is not merely for us to “learn”, or “get down pat” and move past; but rather, it is for us to continually meditate on, believe in and love and treasure above all. In it, more specifically, in Christ and His person and work we find our joy, strength, and comfort. This Christmas season ask God to help you not merely savor and treasure Him but to be given a passion to spread this message to all those who are lost in sin and who await a horrible and dreadful day of judgment when they will face and experience the wrath of God for their sin. Read **2 Corinthians 5:11**.

What truth(s) did I learn from God's Word today?

Suggestion for prayer: “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!” Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; You alone are holy, great and glorious, all praise, honor, and glory be to You forever and ever, Amen.