

DAILY BIBLE STUDIES

“Westminster Confession of Faith” Chapter VIII –Of Christ the Mediator (Part 2) Selected Scripture

December 21 – December 27, 2008

THE LORD'S DAY –This week, as we celebrate Christmas Day, 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. We will review some of last weeks study and then continue on through this chapter of The Confession and finish seeing the work of the Mediator, Christ Jesus. 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 – 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.

TUESDAY – 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

Praise & Prayer	ADORATION Hallowed be Your name. (6:9)	AUTHORITY Your Kingdom come... (6:10)	APPEAL Give us this day... (6:11)	AQUITAL 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

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.*

WEDNESDAY – VI. 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 forever (**Galatians 4:4-5, Genesis 3:15, Revelation 13:8, Hebrews 13:8**).

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

Suggestion for prayer: *Thank You Almighty God for Your goodness to us in revealing the plan of redemption, and then by sending Christ Jesus our Lord to carry out the eternal plan.*

THURSDAY – VII. Christ, in the work of mediation, acts according to both natures, by each nature doing that which is proper to itself (**Hebrews 9:14, 1 Peter 3:18**); 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 (**Acts 20:28, John 3:13, 1 John 3:16**).

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

Suggestion for prayer: *Jesus, help me to understand that You are God and also perfect man. Thank You that You alone are capable of making peace with God for me.*

FRIDAY – VIII. To all those for whom Christ has purchased redemption, He does certainly and effectually apply and communicate the same (**John 6:37, 39, John 10:15-16**); making intercession for them (**1 John 2:1-2, Romans 8:34**), and revealing unto them, in and by the word, the mysteries of salvation (**John 15:13, 15, Ephesians 1:7-9, John 17:6**); effectually persuading them by His Spirit to

believe and obey, and governing their hearts by His word and Spirit (**John 14:16, Hebrews 12:2, 2 Corinthians 4:13, Romans 8:9, 14, Romans 15:18-19, John 17:17**); 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 (**Psalms 110:1, 1 Corinthians 15:25-26, Malachi 4:2-3, Colossians 2:15**).

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 have now concluded this section in the Confession and have seen in the past two weeks the beauty of Christ, The Mediator. 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.*

Have a Blessed Christmas!