

The Heidelberg Catechism

31. Why is He called “Christ,” that is, Anointed?

Because He is ordained of God the Father and anointed with the Holy Spirit¹ to be our chief Prophet and Teacher,² who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption;³ and our only High Priest,⁴ who by the one sacrifice of His body, has redeemed us,⁵ and ever lives to make intercession for us with the Father;⁶ and our eternal King,⁷ who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.⁸

¹ Ps 45:7 [Heb 1:9]; Isa 61:1 [Lk 3:21-22, 4:18]; ² Deut 18:15 [Acts 3:22]; ³ Jn 1:18, 15:15; ⁴ Ps 110:4 [Heb 7:17, 21]; ⁵ Heb 9:12, 10:11-14; ⁶ Rom 5:9-10, 8:34; Heb 9:24; 1 Jn 2:1; ⁷ Zech 9:9 [Mt 21:5]; Lk 1:33; ⁸ Ps 2:6; Isa.61:1-2; Mt 28:18-20; Jn 10:28; 1 Pt 2:24; Rev 12:10-11, 19:16