

## **WEDNESDAY SERMON**

**Willow, Alaska**

**Date: April 03, 2019**

**Scripture Reading: Hebrews 9:11-17**

**Text:** Multiple

**Subject: CONFESSION OF FAITH SERIES – The  
Mediatorial Office of Jesus Christ – 11-13**

### **10. Christ: Mediator and Head**

Jesus Christ is made the Mediator of the new and everlasting covenant of grace between God and man, to be perfectly and fully the prophet, priest, and king of Israel and the Head of the church for evermore.

*Jer.31:31-34; 1Ti.2:5; He.8:10-13; 9:15; 10:16-18; 13:20; Jn.14:6;  
Is.9:6, 7.*

You will recall that we addressed this article of our confession in the last message on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Let us go on to the next three statements concerning the mediatorial office of our Lord Jesus Christ, articles 11-13. As we do so, let us refresh our memories about the meaning of the words mediator and covenant.

**1. What is a mediator?** - The English word "mediator" comes from the Greek word: μεσσητης mesites. It is found six times in the NT and is always translated as mediator. A mediator is one who intervenes between two, either in order to make peace or restore peace and friendship, or form a compact, or for ratifying a covenant. The *Oxford English Dictionary* defines the noun Mediator as: One who intervenes between two parties, esp. for the purpose of effecting reconciliation; one who brings about (a peace, treaty) or settles a (dispute) by mediation. What does the verb "mediate" mean? (OED) "...to intercede or intervene for the purpose of reconciling."

**2. What is a covenant?** – The English word “covenant” comes from the Greek word: διαθηκη diatheke *dee-ath-ay'-kay*. This word is translated 20 times as “covenant” in the NT and 13 times as “Testament”. It means a disposition, arrangement, of any sort, which one wishes to be valid, the last disposition which one makes of his earthly possessions after his death, a testament or will. A covenant is made between two parties and can either be conditional or unconditional. The New Covenant is unconditional. There are no conditions. The terms are dictated and worked out by God himself, the originator of the New Covenant. God alone works to keep his commitment in the covenant.

**11. Christ: Appointed and Empowered for Mediatorial Office**

Unto this mediatorial office He was appointed by God the Father from everlasting; and in respect of his manhood, from the womb called, separated, and anointed most fully and abundantly with all gifts necessary, God having without measure poured out His Spirit upon Him.

*Pv.8:23; Is.42:6, 49:1; 11:1-5, 61:1, 2; Lk.4:17-22; Jn.1:14, 26; 3:34.*

- **Unto this mediatorial office He was appointed by God the Father from everlasting;**

**Pr 8:22-23 (KJV)** *The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. 23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.*

**Isa 42:6-7 (KJV)** *I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; 7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.*

**Isa 49:1 (KJV)** *Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.*

- **and in respect of his manhood, from the womb called, separated, and anointed most fully and abundantly with all gifts necessary,**

**Isa 11:1-5 (KJV)** *And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: 2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; 3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: 4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. 5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.*

**Isa 61:1-3 (KJV)** *The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; 3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.*

We see this prophecy fulfilled in the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to Luke -

**Lu 4:16-30 (KJV)** *And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. **17** And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, **18** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, **19** To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. **20** And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. **21** And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. **22** And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son? **23** And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country. **24** And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country. **25** But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; **26** But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. **27** And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian. **28** And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, **29** And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city*

*was built, that they might cast him down headlong. **30** But he passing through the midst of them went his way,*

**Joh 1:14 (KJV)** *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

How wonderful is this! The word was in the beginning with God and the Word was God – all things were made by him – and that Word became flesh. John and others beheld his glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Joh 1:26-27 (KJV)** *John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; **27** He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.*

- **God having without measure poured out His Spirit upon Him.**

**Joh 3:34 (KJV)** *For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.*

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## **12. Christ: Mediation toward the Elect**

The Scripture holds forth Christ's call to his mediatorial office; for none takes this honor to himself but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. God ordained His Son to this office, thereby making a special promise: that Christ should be made a sacrifice for sin; and that he should see His seed, prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. Everything contained in that promise is of free and absolute grace toward God's elect and without any condition foreseen in them to procure it.

*He.5:4, 5, 6, Is.53:10, 11; Jn.3:16; Ro.8:32.*

- **for none takes this honor to himself but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.**

**Heb 5:4-6 (KJV)** *And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. 5 So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. 6 As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.*

- **God ordained His Son to this office, thereby making a special promise: that Christ should be made a sacrifice for sin; and that he should see His seed, prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.**

**Isa 53:10-11 (KJV)** *Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.*

**Joh 3:16 (KJV)** *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

- **Everything contained in that promise is of free and absolute grace toward God's elect and without any condition foreseen in them to procure it.**

**Ro 8:32 (KJV)** *He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?*

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### **13. Christ: the Only Mediator**

This office to be mediator, that is, to be prophet, priest, and king of Israel and the churches, is so proper to Christ, that neither in whole, nor any part thereof can be transferred from Him to any other. There is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

*1Ti.2:5; He.7:24; Dan.7:14; Ac.4:12; Lk.1:33; Jn.14:6.*

**1Ti 2:5 (KJV)** *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;*

How marvelous! The man Christ Jesus is the one and only mediator between God and men! There is none other!

**Heb 7:24 (KJV)** *But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.*

There is no chance that He can ever fail of his priesthood and intercession. He was dead, and is alive forevermore – and shall continue interceding for us until he assumes his rightful office as King of kings and Lord of lords!

**Da 7:14 (KJV)** *And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion,*

*which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.*

Is this not his visible kingdom on earth – and then forever? Every people – every nation – every language shall serve him. His kingdom shall continue forever and neve fail.

**Ac 4:12 (KJV)** *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

**Lu 1:33 (KJV)** *And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.*

**Joh 14:6 (KJV)** *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*