

Christology Part 2

The Perfect Prophet

- **What offices does Christ fill as our Redeemer?**

Jesus Christ, as our Redeemer, fills the offices of *Prophet*, of Priest, and of King, both in His humiliation and exaltation.

A prophet is one who speaks as God reveals.

Deuteronomy 18:15-22 - “15 “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— 16 just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ 17 And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. **18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.** 19 And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. 20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’ 21 And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?’— 22 when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.”

Jesus is the ultimate Prophet.

Acts 3:19-22 - “Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. Moses said, ‘**The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you.**”

Hebrews 1:1-2 - “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but **in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son**, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.”

- **How does Christ perform the office of a prophet?**

Jesus Christ performs the office of a prophet in revealing the will of God for our salvation by His Word and Work.

Jesus reveals Himself as the **pinnacle of God's plan of redemption.**

Luke 4:16-21 – “He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to **proclaim the year of the Lord's favor**” (Is. 61).

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, “**Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.**”

Specifically, how does the account recorded in Luke 4 give us a great example of Jesus Christ's perfect fulfillment of the role of prophet?

Old Testament prophecy

Jesus ties Himself to OT prophecy

Fulfillment in real time

He does actually do what the prophecy said He would

Further meaning in deeds done

His deeds done are only a shadow of the spiritual reality

Proclamation of Prophetic Culmination

The Year Of the Lord is Already and Not Yet

Christ announced the salvation He provided.

Hebrews 2:3 – “[H]ow shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was **first announced by the Lord**, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.”

John 4:41-42 – “They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; **now we have heard for ourselves**, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

Jesus performed the task of living out the fulfillment of the Scriptures in His suffering and His glorification.

1 Peter 1:10-12 – “Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.”

John 20:30-31 – “Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. “

Christ sends the Holy Spirit and in this way continues to proclaim “the year of the Lord’s favor.”

John 15:26-27 – “When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.”