

## Christology Part 3

### The Perfect Priest

- **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.

**Question: What is a priest and what does a priest do?**

**Jesus is our Perfect Priest.**

Hebrews 4:14-15 – “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but **one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace**, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 5:5-6 – “So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but **was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”**; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

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

(1) Jesus Christ performs the office of a priest in His once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and reconcile us to God. (2) Additionally, He makes continual intercession for us before the Father.

**Jesus offers the once for all sacrifice to reconcile us to God the Father.**

Romans 5:10-11 – “For if, **when we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled**, shall we be saved through his life!

Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have **now received reconciliation.**”

2 Corinthians 5:18 – “All this is **from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ** and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”

Colossians 1:21-22 – “Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.

**But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation."**

Hebrews 10:11-12 – "Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, **which can never take away sins.**

**But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God."**

**Question: Specifically, how does Jesus perform the role of Priest?**

**Jesus is the Priest who is the sacrifice.**

Hebrews 9:24-28 – "For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; **he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence.** Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world.

**But now he has appeared once for all** at the end of the ages to do away with sin **by the sacrifice of himself.** Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so **Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people;** and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him."

Isaiah 53 – "1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; **he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.** 3 He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and **we esteemed him not.** 4 **Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;** yet we esteemed him stricken, **smitten by God,** and afflicted. 5 **But he was pierced for our transgressions;** he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was **the chastisement that brought us peace,** and **with his wounds we are healed.** 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and **the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.** 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; **like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,** and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that

he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? 9 And **they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death**, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. 10 **Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.** 11 **Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.** 12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because **he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.**”

**Question: Why is Christ’s fulfillment of Priest’s role better than an OT priest?**

**Jesus Christ makes continual **intercession** on behalf of all those in Him.**

Romans 8:34 – “Who is he that condemns? **Christ Jesus**, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is **at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.**”

Hebrews 7:22-25 – “Because of this oath, **Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.** Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but **because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.** Therefore he is **able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.**”

**\* Therein lies hope for the believer who sees the remaining sin.**

**Justification (our Priest) –**

**Intercession (our Advocate) –**

**Question: What comfort or benefit should every Christian have because of Christ’s fulfillment of these two roles, Priest and Advocate, specifically?**