

## Of Christ The Mediator 1: Notes

### Paragraph 1

A. The opening paragraph begins with the eternal purpose of God.

We are reminded He is in control of human history and destiny.

He is the Sovereign Ruler and Lord of creation, providence, history, and destiny.

This eternal plan to accomplish His will is carried out by the ordained the Mediator, and through Him He accomplishes the work which He effectually *applies* to “a people to be his seed and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.”

This eternal purpose, is for our good and His own good pleasure and glory.

This eternal purpose is expressed in what theologians call the Covenant of Redemption. This is an eternal covenant made between the Father and the Son in the Spirit.

### **Isaiah 42:1: Psalm 2:6: Isaiah 53:10: Hebrews 10:5: John 17:4:**

B. Emphasizes the main features of Christ’s mediatorial role and function, which are the offices of *Prophet, Priest, and King*.

These are the primary offices which God instituted in the nation of Israel and by which He revealed His will to the people to redeem them for Himself.

Christ is the Head and Savior of the Church, the new nation (though there is organic continuity).

As Head He nurtures the church.

As Savior He delivers the church.

Christ is also the Heir of all things.

He is the Judge of all men.

### **Hebrews 1:2: Acts 17:31**

C. Emphasizes the benefits of Christ’s mediation to “his seed.”

Five blessings of His mediation are listed. “The Golden Chain of Redemption”

1. Redeemed 2. Called 3. Justified 4. Sanctified 5. Glorified.

### **Romans 8:30: Corinthians 1:30**

## Paragraph 2

This, the longest paragraph in Chapter 8, deals with the miraculous element of the divine and sinless natures of Christ. The paragraph speaks of His pre-incarnate glory and His incarnate humiliation.

A. We learn that different functions are carried out by each Person of the Trinity: *modes of operation*.

The Father plans and decrees. His eternal purpose stands unmoved through time and eternity.

The Son accomplishes the work to which He was commissioned.

The Holy Spirit applies the work accomplished by the Son.

The Trinity acts as one since each Person of the Godhead is eternal and co-equal as the Trinity is one undivided essence. Tri-Unity!

B. We learn that Jesus is God and that He is pre-existence in eternity:

He possesses God's glory: **Hebrews 1:3; Isaiah 42:8**

He is Creator: **John 1:3; Hebrews 1:10**

He is the Governor and sustainer of all things. **Hebrews 1:3**

He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. **Colossians 1:7**

C. We learn that Jesus is man

He "left heaven" to enter into our existence of mortal corruption. **John 16:28**

He did not change from the *realm* from heavenly to human, but there is an addition of *nature*, from eternal and divine to eternal, divine, and human. **Philippians 2:6-7**

The Virgin birth was the means of incarnation. **Luke 1:35**

Jesus would be born of a woman, of the tribe of Judah, of the seed of Abraham and David, according to promise.

Accomplished in God's timing **Galatians 4:4**

There were two whole perfect and distinct natures. In order to be the Mediator, really uniting a holy God and sinful men, He had to unite God and man in His own Person. He is Mediator in His Person *and* His work.

Two natures in Christ does not mean that the human nature became endowed with divine attributes. It did not become omniscient and almighty, nor did the divine nature become endowed with human characteristics. The divine nature remained unaffected by His human nature, and His human nature did not become divine. **Hebrews 4:15**

Paragraph 1 supports our faith in the Mediator. Paragraph 2 leads us to worship Him.

In the knowledge of the unity of God and man found in Jesus we should be overcome with awe and wonder. We should often meditate on the miraculous reality of the work of God through Jesus Christ to save a people for Himself. **1 Peter 1:10-11**