

Emmaus Essentials
The London Baptist Confession of 1689
Chapter 8 - Of Christ the Mediator - Paragraphs 5-10
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Chapter Outline

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Introduction

Chapters 1-6 - First Principles

Chapter 7 Introduced us to the Covenant of Grace

Chapter 8 is telling us who the Covenant Mediator is - Christ Jesus

There are two major issues, in this chapter. Christ in his person (para 2, 3, 7, 9). And Christ and his work (para 4, 5, 6, 8, 10). The basic doctrine is presented in para 1.

Who is Jesus?

What did he do?

I. Paragraph 1 - The Covenantal Context

II. Paragraph 2 - The Identity of the Mediator

III. Paragraph 3 - Christ's Suitability for this Work

IV. Paragraph 4 - The Identity of His Work

V. Paragraph 5 - The Godward Success of His Work

5._____ The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself, which he through the eternal Spirit once offered up unto God, hath fully satisfied the justice of God, procured reconciliation, and purchased an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father hath given unto Him.

(Hebrews 9:14; Hebrews 10:14; Romans 3:25, 26; John 17:2; Hebrews 9:15)

A. Satisfaction of God's justice

1. Particular redemption

- a) Romans 3:22–26 - "For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus." (Romans 3:22–26, ESV)
- b) For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. (Hebrews 10:14, ESV)
- c) When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. (John 17:1–9, ESV)

- B. Purchase of Eternal redemption
 - 1. Procured reconciliation
 - 2. To bring about by care or pangs, to win over to ones side - See Muller

VI. Paragraph 6 - The Retrospective Benefits of His Work: (Confer 7.3)

6._____ Although the price of redemption was not actually paid by Christ till after his incarnation, yet the virtue, efficacy, and benefit thereof were communicated to the elect in all ages, successively from the beginning of the world, in and by those promises, types, and sacrifices wherein he was revealed, and signified to be the seed which should bruise the serpent's head; and the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, being the same yesterday, and to-day and for ever.

(1 Corinthians 4:10; Hebrews 4:2; 1 Peter 1:10, 11; Revelation 13:8; Hebrews 13:8)

- A. The benefits that were received before Christ were received by faith in the promise, but were not established.
 - 1. Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. (1 Peter 1:10–11, ESV)
 - 2. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. (Hebrews 4:2, ESV)
- B. There was an eternal perspective that made the work of Christ sure - we look back, they looked forward

VII. Paragraph 7 - A Clarification to Avoid (heretical) Confusion

7._____ Christ, in the work of mediation, acteth according to both natures, by each nature doing that which is proper to itself; yet by reason of the unity of the person, that which is proper to one nature is sometimes in Scripture, attributed to the person denominated by the other nature.

(John 3:13; Acts 20:28)

- A. No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. (John 3:13, ESV)
- B. "The blood of God..." - Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. (Acts 20:28, ESV)

VIII. Paragraph 8 - The Manward Success of His Work

8._____ To all those for whom Christ hath obtained eternal redemption, he doth certainly and effectually apply and communicate the same, making intercession for them; uniting them to himself by his Spirit, revealing unto them, in and by his Word, the mystery of salvation, persuading them to believe and obey, governing their hearts by his Word and Spirit, and overcoming all their enemies by his almighty power and wisdom, in such manner and ways as are most consonant to his wonderful and unsearchable dispensation; and all of free and absolute grace, without any condition foreseen in them to procure it.

(John 6:37; John 10:15, 16; John 17:9; Romans 5:10; John 17:6; Ephesians 1:9; 1 John 5:20; Romans 8:9, 14; Psalms 110:1; 1 Corinthians 15:25, 26; John 3:8; Ephesians 1:8)

- A. The application of salvation
 - 1. He obtains it *and it is applied*
- B. Priest, Prophet, and King
 - 1. This paragraph describes these offices without using the words
 - a) Priest - "making intercession for them; uniting them to himself by his Spirit..."
 - b) Prophet - "revealing unto them, in and by his Word, the mystery of salvation..."
 - c) King - "governing their hearts by his Word and Spirit, and overcoming all their enemies by his almighty power and wisdom..."
- C. The basis: Free Grace

IX. Paragraph 9 - The Exclusive Position of Christ

9._____ This office of mediator between God and man is proper only to Christ, who is the prophet, priest, and king of the church of God; and may not be either in whole, or any part

thereof, transferred from him to any other.

(1 Timothy 2:5)

A. This statement is due to a growing fear of a revival of Romanism by 1677

X. Paragraph 10 - The Magnitude of Our Need

10.____ This number and order of offices is necessary; for in respect of our ignorance, we stand in need of his prophetic office; and in respect of our alienation from God, and imperfection of the best of our services, we need his priestly office to reconcile us and present us acceptable unto God; and in respect to our averseness and utter inability to return to God, and for our rescue and security from our spiritual adversaries, we need his kingly office to convince, subdue, draw, uphold, deliver, and preserve us to his heavenly kingdom.

(John 1:18; Colossians 1:21; Galatians 5:17; John 16:8; Psalms 110:3; Luke 1:74, 75)

A. Ignorance: Prophet

B. Alienation: Priest

C. Weakness: King

Conclusion

Why is Jesus the only way of salvation?

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5-11, ESV)