



TO GLORIFY AND ENJOY GOD

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

STUDY 6



✠ CHRIST'S WORK IN SALVATION ✠

1. Review: In your own words:

- a. What is the *Covenant of Redemption*?
- b. What is the *Covenant of Works*?
- c. What is the *Covenant of Grace*?

Questions 23, 27-28: What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer? A. Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation. ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ Acts 3:21,22; Heb. 12:25 with 2 Cor. 13:3; Heb. 5:5,6,7; Heb. 7:25; Isa. 9:6,7; Matt. 21:5; Ps. 2:8-11

Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist? A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition,⁽¹⁾ made under the law,⁽²⁾ undergoing the miseries of this life,⁽³⁾ the wrath of God,⁽⁴⁾ and the cursed death of the cross;⁽⁵⁾ in being buried,⁽⁶⁾ and continuing under the power of death for a time.⁽⁷⁾

⁽¹⁾ Luke 2:7. ⁽²⁾ Gal. 4:4. ⁽³⁾ Heb. 12:2,3; Isa. 53:2,3. ⁽⁴⁾ Luke 22:44; Matt. 27:46. ⁽⁵⁾ Phil. 2:8. ⁽⁶⁾ 1 Cor. 15:3,4. ⁽⁷⁾ Acts 2:24,25,26,27,31.

Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation? A. Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day,⁽¹⁾ in ascending up into heaven,⁽²⁾ in sitting at the right hand of God the Father,⁽³⁾ and in coming to judge the world at the last day.⁽⁴⁾

⁽¹⁾ 1 Cor. 15:4 ⁽²⁾ Mark 16:19 ⁽³⁾ Eph. 1:20 ⁽⁴⁾ Acts 1:11; Acts 17:31

1. "Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king..."

- a. What is meant by the term "offices" to be "executed"?
- b. How do the three offices restore the image of God that man lost at the Fall? (see table below)

Man at Creation ("Image of God")	Knowledge	Righteousness	Holiness
	↓	↓	↓
Man in Sin ("in Adam")	Ignorance	Guilt	Sin
	↓	↓	↓
Christ ("2 nd Adam") Humiliated & Exalted	"Prophet" (Word Incarnate)	"Priest" (Sacrifice for Sin)	"King" (Dominion)
	↓	↓	↓
Man a New Creation ("in Christ")	Knowledge	Righteousness	Holiness

2. "...both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation."

- a. Christ is a Prophet, Priest and King during His "humiliation". Using Question 27, can you *summarize* this term?
- b. Christ is a Prophet, Priest and King during His "exaltation". Using Question 28, can you *summarize* this term?
- c. Why was it important that He functioned as Prophet, Priest and King during His *humiliation*?
- d. Why is it important to understand that He *still functions* as Prophet, Priest and King during His *exaltation*?

Question 24: How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet? A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation? ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ John 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:10-12; John 15:15; John 20:31

1. “*The Office of a Prophet*”
 - a. Name some Old Testament prophets. What do they all have in common?
 - b. What was their task?
2. What do the following verses teach us about (a) Christ’s Prophetic work *while on earth* (during His humiliation) and (b) His *ongoing* Prophetic work *today* (during His exaltation)?
 - a. Heb.1:1-3
 - b. John 1:18
 - c. 1Pet.1:10-12
3. What *practical difference* should the fact of Christ’s past and present prophetic ministry have on your Christian life?

Question 25: How doth Christ execute the office of a priest? *A. Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice,⁽¹⁾ and reconcile us to God,⁽²⁾ and in making continual intercession for us.⁽³⁾*

⁽¹⁾ Heb. 9:14,28. ⁽²⁾ Heb. 2:17. ⁽³⁾ Heb. 7:24,25

1. “*The Office of a Priest*”
 - a. Name some Old Testament priests. What do they all have in common?
 - b. How does Jesus’ priestly work differ from theirs?
 - c. How was their task similar to that of the prophets?
2. What do the following verses teach us about Priestly work *while on earth* (during His humiliation)?
 - a. Isaiah 53:5
 - b. Mark 10:45
3. What do the following verses teach us about Christ’s *ongoing* Priestly work *today* (during His exaltation)?
 - a. Rom.8:34
 - b. Heb.7:25
4. What *practical difference* should the fact of Christ’s past and present priesthood have on your Christian life?

Question 26: How doth Christ execute the office of a king? *A. Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself,⁽¹⁾ in ruling⁽²⁾ and defending us,⁽³⁾ and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.⁽⁴⁾*

⁽¹⁾ Acts 15:14,15,16. ⁽²⁾ Isa. 33:22. ⁽³⁾ Isa. 32:1,2. ⁽⁴⁾ 1 Cor. 15:25; Psalm 110 throughout.

1. “*The Office of a King*”
 - a. Name some (good!) Old Testament Kings. What do they all have in common?
 - b. How does their rule foreshadow Christ’s kingly rule?
2. What do the following verses teach us about Kingly work *while on earth* (during His humiliation)?
 - a. Mark 4:38
 - b. Matt.12:28-29
3. What do the following verses teach us about Christ’s *ongoing* Kingly work *today* (during His exaltation)?
 - a. Matt.28:18
 - b. Phil.2:5-10
4. What *practical difference* should the fact of Christ’s past and present kingship have on your Christian life?

