

## *Of Christ The Mediator (Hebrews 9:14-15)*

*Baptist Confession of Faith (1689) Chapter 8, Paragraphs 5-6*

### **Doctrine: The Work of Christ, Our Mediator**

#### *Full Satisfaction of Divine Justice*

- The Lord Jesus accomplished the **redemption** of His saints by presenting His active obedience (perfectly keeping the Law, 2 Corinthians 5:21) and passive obedience (willingly offering up Himself as the perfect, substitutionary sacrifice by shedding His blood, Isaiah 53:5) to the Father.
- The Lord Jesus fully satisfied the **justice** of God (Romans 5:9).
- Sin deserves death and divine wrath, and so Christ took that upon Himself on the cross on behalf of the Church as our **Mediator**.

#### *Procured Reconciliation, Purchased Inheritance*

- By His blood, Christ procured **reconciliation** – peace, union, and communion – with God for all who believe on Him (Colossians 1:20).
- Likewise, He purchased an everlasting **inheritance** for His Bride, that is His very riches and presence, that we might share in everlasting life for the glory of God in the kingdom of heaven (Colossians 1:12).
- The **atonement** for sins was made by Christ for all those who the Father has given unto Him (John 17:2).
- Christ's accomplished **atonement** is definite in its effect and particular in its scope (Hebrews 9:12).
- The Gospel is, then, freely offered to all, and all who look to Christ in true faith by the work of the Holy Spirit shall be **saved** (Romans 10:13-15).

### *Salvation of the Old Covenant Church*

- The **price** of redemption was not actually paid by Christ until after His incarnation, which occurred in time (Romans 3:21).
- The virtue, efficacy, and benefit thereof were **communicated** to the elect in all ages from the beginning of the world (Romans 3:25-26).
- His redemption was revealed **progressively** by promises, types, and sacrifices (Hebrews 1:1-2).
- These types do not save in themselves, but rather point to the true **substance** of these things, which is the meritorious and sufficient work of the Lord Christ (Hebrews 10:4).
- The **Gospel** was pronounced from the fall, signified in the seed of the woman which should bruise the serpent's head, and is continued in the lamb slain for the atonement of sins.
- Such was the **plan** of God from the foundation of the world.
- In sum, there is only one way of salvation – by the blood of Christ, who is our **Mediator**.

### **Application:**

- 1) **Studying** the Old Testament Typologically: We must study and meditate on the Old Testament in light of Christ.
- 2) **Thanksgiving**: Read the Scriptures and live obediently with joy and thanksgiving for Christ our Mediator.