

FOR US AND OUR SALVATION

*An Integrative Study of the Person and Work of Jesus Christ
Lesson #36 – The Work of Christ – Jesus as King (Part 4)*

Overall Review

1) *What does the phrase the “Work of Christ” refer to?*

“In short, it refers to ALL that Christ did when he came to this earth ‘for us and our salvation,’ all that he continues to do now that he risen from the dead and at God’s right hand, and all that he will do when he returns in glory at the end of the age.” – Robert Letham

2) *What is the threefold office of Christ?*

Prophet, Priest, and King

3) *What relationships do the Intrinsic and Mediatorial Kingship of Christ have to the study of Christology?*

The intrinsic kingship of Christ is related to the study of His Person, while the mediatorial kingship of Christ is related to the study of His Work.

4) *Where do we get the idea of Jesus being a King?*

The idea of Jesus being a king is in fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant and the Old Testament prophecies of the future coming of a righteous King, the Messiah.

5) *What is the Kingdom of God?*

“The Kingdom of God is the reign of God dynamically active in human history through Jesus Christ, the purpose of which is the redemption of God’s people from sin and from demonic power, and the final establishment of the new heavens and the new earth.”¹

6) *What were the signs of the presence of the kingdom of God?*

- The Blind See
- The Lame Walk
- The Lepers are Cleansed
- The Deaf Hear
- The Dead are Raised
- The Gospel is Preached to Poor
- The Casting Out of Demons
- The Fall of Satan
- The Forgiveness of Sins

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I. Summary from Lesson #35

- a. Two weeks ago, we considered how the Old Testament reveals expectations and prophecies concerning the coming Messiah.

¹ Hoekema, Anthony, The Bible and the Future, pg. 45

- b. Last week, we considered how the New Testament teaches that Jesus perfectly fulfilled both the expectations and prophecies concerning the coming Messiah.
- c. **This morning, we are going to consider the “actual and formal assumption” and the goal of Christ’s Mediatorial² Kingship.³**

II. The Actual and Formal Assumption⁴ of Christ’s Mediatorial Kingship

- a. The Mediatorial Kingship of Christ is a “conferred⁵ and economical⁶ kingship, exercised by Christ, not merely in His divine nature, but as the God-man.”⁷
- b. Therefore, even though Jesus was king by virtue of his divine nature and even though Jesus exhibited kingly dominion and power at times in His ministry, the actual and formal assumption of Christ’s mediatorial kingship was “after the Resurrection, and with the Ascension to Heaven.”⁸
- c. **Philippians 2:5-11** - Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- d. **Hebrews 10:12-13** -¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.
- e. Essentially, Christ’s Mediatorial Kingship is His Intrinsic Kingship revealed in the God-man, “invested with a new form, wearing a new aspect, administered to a new end.”⁹

III. The Goal of Christ’s Mediatorial Kingship

a. To Redeem the Universe and “in particular” His Own People

- i. **Ephesians 1:15-23** –¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints,¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the

² **Mediatorial** – related to the intermediary work of Christ for the reconciliation of God and man

³ *Mediatorial Kingship refers to the power and right that belongs to Christ, by virtue of what He has done, to rule all things in heaven and on earth, for the glory of God, and for the execution of God’s purpose of salvation.*

⁴ **Assumption** - the act of taking possession of something

⁵ **Conferred** – granted or bestowed

⁶ **Economical** – reference to reign by action

⁷ Louis Berkhof, *Systematic Theology* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans).

⁸ Morton H. Smith, *Systematic Theology*, Vol. 1, 2 vols. (Greenville, SC: GPTS Press).

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saints,¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

- ii. **Colossians 1:17-20** - And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

b. As the Mediatorial King, Christ accomplished this goal:

- i. **By Working All Things for the Good of His People – Romans 8:28-30** -²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose¹⁰.²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.
- ii. **By Establishing His Kingdom for His People – John 14:1-4** -¹ “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.² In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.”
- iii. **By Subjecting All Things to Himself – 1 Corinthians 15:20-28** - But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.²⁷ For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him.²⁸ When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

¹⁰ Ephesians 3:7-20