

Key Teachings of the Christian Faith

Vision: Strengthen our faith by examining key teachings of Christianity

Christ Our Mediator

Goals of today's class:

1. Christ is an effective mediator; He will not lose one of His people
2. The concluding, final act of Christ's mediation is to resurrect His people

1 Timothy 2:5-6

For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus, [6](#) who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony *given* at the proper time.

John 6:26-40

Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. [27](#) **"Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal."** [28](#) Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?" [29](#) Jesus answered and said to them, **"This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."** [30](#) So they said to Him, "What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform?" [31](#) "Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'HE GAVE THEM BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN TO EAT.'"

[32](#) Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven.

[33](#) **"For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world."** [34](#) Then they said to Him, "Lord, always give us this bread."

[35](#) Jesus said to them, **"I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst."** [36](#) "But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. [37](#) "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. [38](#) **"For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. [39](#) "This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. [40](#) **"For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."****

1. Labor for food which does not perish
2. Work of God is to believe in Him whom He has sent
3. Bread of God comes from heaven and gives life
4. Jesus is that bread of life
5. Anyone who comes to Him will not hunger and thirst
 - a. Satisfaction
6. Jesus submits to the Father's will
7. The Father's will is that Jesus loses no one
8. The Father's will is that everyone who beholds Jesus and believes will have eternal life
9. The Father's will is that Jesus will raise them up on the last day

1 John 2:1-3

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, **we have an Advocate with the Father**, Jesus Christ the righteous; **2** and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for *those of the whole world*.

1. The apostle John's goal in writing is so we would sin less
2. Jesus Christ, the righteous, is our Advocate with the Father
3. He is the propitiation, the full satisfaction, for our sins
4. His offering of Himself, His atonement is sufficient for all sin

Advocate:

1. One that pleads the cause of another, especially before a tribunal or judicial court

Romans 8:28-39

And we know that **God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.** **29** For those whom He foreknew, **He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son**, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; **30** and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? 33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; 34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. 35** Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 Just as it is written,

"FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG;

WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED."

37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, **39** nor height, nor depth, **nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God**, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1. **God causes – all things** – to work together for good
2. To those who love God, to **those who are called** according to **His purpose**
3. **He predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son**
4. If **God is for us**, who is against us?
5. He who **did not spare His own Son**
 - a. **God is serious; He "plays for keeps"**
 - b. **Excluding sin, He is capable of anything**
6. Will He not **with Christ freely give** us all things?
7. God is the **ultimate judge**; there is **no higher authority**
8. **Christ is the one who condemns**
9. Yet it is **He who died** and was raised for us
10. **He who intercedes for us at the right hand of God**

Malachi 3:16-18

Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD gave attention and **heard it**, and a book of remembrance was **written before Him** for those who fear the LORD and who **esteem His name**. **17** **“They will be Mine,”** says the LORD of hosts, “on the day that I prepare *My* own possession, and **I will spare them as a man spares his own son** who serves him.” **18** So you will again **distinguish** between the righteous and the wicked, **between one who serves God** and **one who does not serve Him**.

Malachi 4:1-3

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and **all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff**; and **the day** that is coming **will set them ablaze**,” says the LORD of hosts, “so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.” **2** **“But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.** **3** **“You will tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing,”** says the LORD of hosts.

1. The LORD hears and remembers those who fear and esteem His name.
2. They are spared as sons; even though He spared not His only begotten Son
3. Distinction between those who serve God and those who do not
4. The arrogant and evildoer are set ablaze like chaff
 - a. Chaff is extremely flammable
5. But those who fear His name skip about like young calves
6. And tread down the ashes of the wicked under the soles of their feet
7. This is a day that the LORD is preparing

1 Corinthians 15:22-28

For as in Adam all die, so also **in Christ all will be made alive**. **23** But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, **24** then *comes* the **end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power**. **25** For **He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet**. **26** **The last enemy that will be abolished is death**. **27** For HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. But when He says, “All things are put in subjection,” it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him. **28** **When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.**

1. In Christ all are made alive
2. Christ is first, the first fruits
3. At the end, Christ hands over the kingdom to His Father
4. Christ has abolished all opposing rule and authority and power
5. All His enemies are under His feet
6. The last enemy to be abolished is death
7. After Christ subdues all things, He submits Himself and all things to the Father
 - a. Blessed unity, righteousness, love, submission within the Godhead

II. The Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon Him man's nature,^[10] with all the essential properties, and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin;^[11] being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance.^[12] So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion.^[13] Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.^[14]

III. The Lord Jesus, in His human nature thus united to the divine, was sanctified, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, above measure,^[15] having in Him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge;^[16] in whom it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell;^[17] to the end that, being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth,^[18] He might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of a Mediator and Surety.^[19] Which office He took not unto Himself, but was thereunto called by His Father,^[20] who put all power and judgment into His hand, and gave Him commandment to execute the same.^[21]

VIII. To all those for whom Christ has purchased redemption, He does certainly and effectually apply and communicate the same;^[39] making intercession for them,^[40] and revealing unto them, in and by the word, the mysteries of salvation;^[41] effectually persuading them by His Spirit to believe and obey, and governing their hearts by His word and Spirit;^[42] 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.^[43]

Hebrews 7:23-28

The *former* priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing, **24** but Jesus, on the other hand, because **He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently. 25** Therefore **He is able also to save forever** those who draw near to God through Him, since **He always lives to make intercession for them.**

26 For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; **27** who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the *sins* of the people, because this **He did once for all when He offered up Himself. 28** For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, *appoints* a Son, made perfect forever.

Jesus was the offering and the priest who offered it.

John 4:13-14

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; **14** but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

Daniel 12:1-4

Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands *guard* over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. **2** “Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace *and* everlasting contempt. **3** “Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. **4** “But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase.”

Matthew 25:31-46

But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. **32** “All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; **33** and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left. **34** “Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. **35** ‘For I was hungry, and you gave Me *something* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me *something* to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; **36** naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.’ **37** “Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You *something* to drink? **38** ‘And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? **39** ‘When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ **40** “The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, *even* the least of *them*, you did it to Me.’ **41** “Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; **42** for I was hungry, and you gave Me *nothing* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; **43** I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.’ **44** “Then they themselves also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?’ **45** “Then He will answer them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ **46** “These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

John 5:24

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

John 5:25-30

“Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. **26** “For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; **27** and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is *the* Son of Man. **28** “Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, **29** and will come forth; those who did the good *deeds* to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment. **30** “I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

1 John 5:11-12

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.
12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

Questions:

1. Are you one on whom God has set His seal?
2. Do you understand that the primary work of God is for you to believe on Him who He sent?
3. Do you ever know the blessedness of no spiritual hunger or thirst?
 - a. After a time of prayer?
4. Do you understand the beauty of submission?
5. Do you know that Jesus will not lose one of His sheep?
6. Are you one of His sheep? Do you hear His voice?
7. His voice calms the angry sea? Has His voice calmed your soul?
8. What is your usual response to the call of God to repent?

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