

Lord's Day 12

Heidelberg Catechism

The Second Part – Of Man's Deliverance – Of God the Son

Question 31

Why is He called Christ, that is, anointed?

Answer

Because He is ordained of God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Ghost,¹ to be our chief Prophet and Teacher,² who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; and to be our only High Priest,³ who by the one sacrifice of His body has redeemed us, and makes continual intercession with the Father for us;⁴ and also to be our eternal King,⁵ who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and who defends and preserves us⁶ in (the enjoyment of) that salvation He has purchased for us.

Question 32

But why art thou called a Christian?

Answer

Because I am a member of Christ by faith,⁷ and thus am partaker of His anointing;⁸ that so I may confess His name,⁹ and present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him;¹⁰ and also that with a free and good conscience I may fight against sin and Satan in this life,¹¹ and afterwards reign with Him eternally over all creatures.¹²

Joel 2:28

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

9 Matt. 10:32

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

10 Rom. 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

11 Eph. 6:11, 12

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

1 Tim. 1:18, 19

This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

12 2 Tim. 2:12

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

1 Heb. 1:9

Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

2 Deut. 18:18

I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

Acts 3:22

For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

John 1:18

No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

John 15:15

Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

Matt. 11:27

All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

3 Ps. 110:4

The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Heb. 7:21

(For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)

Heb. 10:14

For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

4 Rom. 8:34

Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

5 Ps. 2:6

Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

Luke 1:33

And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

6 Matt. 28:18

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

John 10:28

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

7 1 Cor. 6:15

Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

8 1 John 2:27

But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.