

## TFA (Lesson 10) – Christ’s Mediatorial Kingship

**Larger Catechism 42 – *Why was our Mediator called Christ?*** A. Our Mediator was called Christ, because he was anointed with the Holy Ghost above measure; and so set apart, and fully furnished with all authority and ability, to execute the offices of prophet, priest, and king of his Church, in the estate both of his humiliation and exaltation. [See WCF 25.2]

**Larger Catechism 54 – *How is Christ exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God?*** A. Christ is exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God, in that as God-man he is advanced to the highest favour with God the Father, with all fulness of joy, glory, and power over all things in heaven and earth, and doth gather and defend his church, and subdue their enemies; furnisheth ministers and people with gifts and graces, and maketh intercession for them.

**Larger Catechism 191 – *What do we pray for in the second petition?*** A. In the second petition (which is, Thy kingdom come,) acknowledging ourselves and all mankind to be by nature under the dominion of sin and Satan, we pray, that the kingdom of sin and Satan may be destroyed, the gospel propagated throughout the world, the Jews called, the fulness of the Gentiles brought in; the church furnished with all gospel-officers and ordinances, purged from corruption, countenanced and maintained by the civil magistrate: that the ordinances of Christ may be purely dispensed, and made effectual to the converting of those that are yet in their sins, and the confirming, comforting, and building up of those that are already converted: that Christ would rule in our hearts here, and hasten the time of his second coming, and our reigning with him forever: and that he would be pleased so to exercise the kingdom of his power in all the world, as may best conduce to these ends.

### I. What is the original basis of this Kingdom of Power?

- A. **The Triune God’s supreme authority to demand worshipful obedience from every rational creature.**
- B. **The Triune God’s providential power to enforce that supreme authority.**

### II. Who presently rules this Kingdom of Power?

- A. **Jesus Christ as the God-Man Mediator.** (Mt. 28:18-20; Ps. 2:6-12; 110; Heb. 1:1-3; Rev. 19:15-16)

### III. What is the purpose of this Kingdom of Power?

- A. **To protect & promote the gospel ministry of Christ’s Kingdom of grace, the Church.** (Mt. 28:19-20; Eph. 1:20-23)
- B. **To guarantee that Christ’s Church will disciple the nations before His Return.** (Ps. 22:27-28; 67:4-7; 72:8-14; 82:8; 86:9; 110:1; Isa. 2:1f; Mt. 16:18; 28:20; Rom. 11:12f)

### IV. How is this Kingdom of Power often misunderstood?

- A. **INDIVIDUALISM** (Mt. 28:20)
- B. **PHARISAISM** (Mt. 23:4)
- C. **LIBERTARIAN PLURALISM** (Isa. 49:22-23; 60:10-12)
- D. **NEO-CALVINISM** (Mt. 6:10; 16:18-19; 28:18-20)<sup>1</sup>
- E. **PARA-CHURCHISM** (Mt. 28:19)

**Question** – *How should this doctrine impact our assessment of political platforms, parties, and candidates? [Next month’s topic, d.v.]*

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<sup>1</sup> Differences between historic Calvinism and Neo-Calvinism are summarized here: (1) *Recovering Experimental Religion* by Rev. Sherman Isbell, available online at: [westminsterconfession.org/Recovering\\_Experimental\\_Religion.pdf](http://westminsterconfession.org/Recovering_Experimental_Religion.pdf). And (2) *Historic Calvinism and Neo-Calvinism* by Dr. William Young, also available online at: [westminsterconfession.org/the-doctrines-of-grace/historic-calvinism-and-neo-calvinism.php](http://westminsterconfession.org/the-doctrines-of-grace/historic-calvinism-and-neo-calvinism.php).