

Jesus, A Forever Priest

Text: ...who has become such not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life. (Hebrews 7:16)

Belgic Confession, article 19: But these two natures are so united together in one Person that they are not even separated by His death. So then, what He committed to His Father when He died was a real human spirit which left His body. But meanwhile His divine nature remained united with His human nature even when He was lying in the grave; and His deity never ceased to be in Him, just as it was in Him when He was a little child, though for a while it did not show itself as such. These are the reasons why we confess Him to be true God and true man;

- true God in order to conquer death by His power, and
- true man that He might die for us in the weakness of His flesh.

Intro: The Person of Christ

I. Human

The love of Christ; The love of God

Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME; (Hebrews 10:5)

II. Divine

For it was the Father's good pleasure for all His fulness to dwell in Him; and through Him, to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. (Colossians 1:19-20)

Canons of Dordt; head 2; article 4: This death [of Christ] is of such great value and worth for the reason that the person who suffered it is—as was necessary to be our Savior—not only a true and perfectly holy Man, but also the only begotten Son of God, of the same eternal and infinite essence with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

III. Our Text

The Old Testament priesthood

First Argument: Melchizedek is superior to Levi

V4 tithing

V6 blessing

V8 he lives

Second Argument: Argument from Scripture

The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind, “Thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.” (Psalms 110:4)

Application 1: Our Need

We all need a _____.

Application 2: Our Salvation

Application 3: Can Jesus Save Me?

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