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Jesus Christ: Our Prophet, Priest and King

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Scripture: Hebrews 10:1-18; Genesis 15:1-18

Sermon Notes:

1. Hebrews 9:14 is amplified in chapter 10, tracing out the consequences of receiving a clean conscience.
2. To be free from guilt is essential for us as humans.
3. Our culture of guilt lacks integrity so we don't trust one another, and we increase regulations and bureaucracy in response.
4. If we reject God's ten laws, we will have man's 10,000 laws.
5. Christ's offices are Prophet (vv.1-7), Priest (vv.8-11), and King (vv.12-18). There is a divine appointment to each office.
6. OT Israel's hope was that in the Messiah all three offices would be joined in the kingly, redemptive rule of God (cf. Isaiah 53).
7. Christ proclaims the righteousness of God as Prophet; He purges our sins at the cross as Priest; and He sits at the right hand of God as universal King.
8. Christ is the personal Word, Redeemer and Ruler of the world.
9. The OT temple and sacrifices were copies and shadows. The ceremonial aspects of the law were rendered obsolete at Christ's coming (Col. 1:17 refers to ceremonies as shadows), but the civil and moral aspects were illumined in greater reality in Christ.
10. Prophets are marked by their capacity to hear and obey God, calling the people to remember and obey God's law. They must hear and obey before they can speak.
11. In obedience, we are to point people to the purposes of God in Christ.
12. In fulfillment of prophecy God Himself took on a body, and He was bruised for our transgressions (cf. Gen. 3:15; Is. 54:4-5).
13. The Holy Spirit will cut into our hearts by the sword of the Spirit and enable us to speak and live out God's word.
14. Christ had no sin so He did not need to atone for His own sins and His blood was effective to cleanse our sin and guilt.
15. Christ's sacrifice was final, with no need for repetition.
16. By Christ's sacrifice, made in the very temple of heaven by God Himself, we have been sanctified.
17. The grace of God is not against judgment; in fact it is through God's judgment of our sin laid upon Christ that we are set free.
18. God's blood atonement and man's pardon was always part of God's plan. In Genesis 15, having put Abram in a 'deep sleep', God Himself swears a covenant with Abram by His own life.
19. God alone can deliver us from the evil of our age. We need a revival. God will deliver us by judgment.
20. Whoever will follow Christ must pick up his cross and bear it daily (Luke 9:23).
21. Because Jesus is King of all things, He will accomplish His purposes.
22. Christ will purify our consciences, even in His kingship.
23. God will forgive and blot out our sins for His own sake (Jeremiah 31:8 and Isaiah 43:25).
24. God does not need us, but by His grace He allows us to participate in His prophetic, priestly, and kingly work.
25. We need to be servants of the living God for Christ's kingship to be effective in us.
26. When we have been forgiven by Christ we are free of guilt.
27. Before we can pray "Thy Kingdom come" we have to get rid of our own little kingdoms.

Application Questions:

1. What do the types of the OT reveal about Christ's offices?
2. What role does judgment play in the redemptive purposes of God?
3. How can we fulfill the role of Prophet, pointing people to the law of God?
4. Why must we surrender and obey God's word and His law to be effective in ministry work?
5. What are the costs of following Christ and doing His work?
6. Is Christ our effectual king, or are we still sitting on the throne?