

A. Review

1. Christ came to do what Adam failed to do
 - a. As Prophet – not just by speaking God’s words and revealing God’s will but by being “the Word” and being fully obedient Himself
 - b. As Priest – not just to offer sacrifices for our sins but to be the sacrifice; not just to offer up prayer for us but to intercede for us in the very presence of God; not just to guard true worship but to become the center and object of our worship
2. King – one who rules, as a sub-regent under the ultimate kingship of God, and who provides for those under his authority and protects them against all enemies
 - a. As king, Adam failed by not taking authority over the serpent and defeating him
 - b. God steps in, takes authority, and declares war and promise of victory
 - 1) (Gen 3:15 ESV) *The LORD God said to the serpent, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."*

B. OT kings were to provide for God’s people, protect them and lead them in victory over their enemies in obedience to God

1. Were to rule as vice-regents under God and be subject to Him and His leading through the prophets and priests – were not autonomous
 - a. (Num 27:21 ESV) *And Joshua shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by the judgment of the Urim before the LORD. At his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he and all the people of Israel with him, the whole congregation.*
 - b. (1Ki 22:5-8 ESV) *And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Inquire first for the word of the LORD." ⁶ Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, "Shall I go to battle against Ramoth-gilead, or shall I refrain?" And they said, "Go up, for the Lord will give it into the hand of the king." ⁷ But Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not here another prophet of the LORD of whom we may inquire?" ⁸ And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD, Micaiah the son of Imlah, but I hate him, for he never prophesies good concerning me, but evil." And Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say so."*
2. They all failed – some did much better than others, but none were completely obedient to the Lord and none were able to bring true peace and victory over evil
3. God promised Another – originally in Gen.3:15
 - a. (Isa 9:6-7 ESV) *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*
 - b. (Luk 1:31-33 ESV) *And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.*

C. Jesus understood Himself to be that King

1. (Mar 1:14-15 ESV) *Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."*
2. He accepted the peoples' worshiping Him as king on Palm Sunday
3. Before Pilate: (Joh 18:36 ESV) *Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."*
4. (Luk 22:28-30 ESV) *You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, ²⁹ and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

D. During His earthly life Jesus was, in a sense, the King-to-be

1. Not crowned until His resurrection
 - a. (Rom 1:3-4 ESV) *concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,*
 - b. (Phi 2:8-11 ESV) *And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*
 - c. He was King during His earthly life but had not yet been crowned
 - 1) Elizabeth II became queen in 2/52 when her father died, but wasn't crowned until 6/53
2. Satan had authority until Christ's resurrection
 - a. (Luk 4:5-7 ESV) *And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶ and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."*
3. It was only after His resurrection that Jesus could fully say: (Mat 28:18 ESV) *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me...."*

E. Given all authority for sake of the Church

1. (Eph 1:20-22 ESV) *that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,*
 - a. "As the God-man, He was given dominion over the universe, the providential and judicial administration of all things, in the interest of the Church. As King of the universe the Mediator so guides the destinies of individuals, of social groups, and of nations, as to promote the growth, the gradual purification, and the final perfection of the people which He has redeemed by His blood." ["Systematic Theology," L. Berkhof (Eerdmans, 1941/1979), p.410]
 - b. "Therefore, God invested Him with authority over [the world] so that He is able to control all powers and forces and movements in the world, and can thus secure a safe footing for His people in the world, and protect His own against all the powers of darkness." [Berkhof, p.411]

- c. “For the Father hath given all power to the Son, that by his hand he may govern, cherish, sustain us, keep us under his guardianship, and give assistance to us. Thus, while we wander far as pilgrims from God, Christ interposes, that he may gradually bring us to full communion with God.” [“Institutes of the Christian Religion,” John Calvin (Eerdmans, 1981), II.XV.5]

F. His kingdom is spiritual, not earthly

1. (Joh 18:36 ESV) *Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."*
2. (Rom 14:17 ESV) *For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*
 - a. The rewards/blessings of the Kingdom are not material, not of this world – thus we can endure lack and hardships in this world, knowing that something far better is held for us
3. Triumphed over evil and death for us
 - a. (Col 1:13-14 ESV) *He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*
 - b. (Heb 2:14-15 ESV) *Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.*
 - c. (1Co 15:54-57 ESV) *When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*
4. But there is still a sense of “already but not yet”
 - a. (Heb 2:7-9 ESV) *You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, ⁸ putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹ But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.*

G. At the end, the Son will hand the kingdom over to the Father

1. (1Co 15:24-28 ESV) *Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸ When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.*
 - a. There is equality of divinity in the Godhead, but not equality of function/role
 - b. The Son is seated at the right hand of the Father, not on the Father’s throne
2. “At the consummation of all things the God-man will give up the authority conferred on Him for a special purpose, since it will no more be needed. He will return His commission to God, that God may be all in all. The purpose is accomplished; mankind is redeemed; and thereby the original kingship of man is restored.” [Berkhof, p.411]

H. How are we to be kings/kingly?

1. We still have dominion over creation

a. *(Gen 1:26-28 ESV) Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

2. We are not to be kingly in the sense of lording over others

a. *(Mat 20:25-28 ESV) But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

3. Pastors/elders as under shepherds are to protect and care for God's people

a. *(Act 20:28-31 ESV) Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears.*

b. *(1Pe 5:1-3 ESV) So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed:² shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly;³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.*

4. One day we will reign with Christ

a. *(2Ti 2:11-12 ESV) The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us;*

b. *(Rev 5:9-10 ESV) And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."*

c. *(Rev 22:3-5 ESV) No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.*