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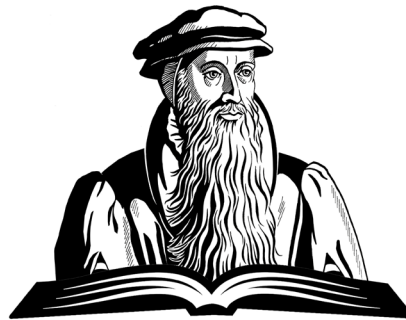
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*Catechism Questions 23 & 24*



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## ADULT STUDY GUIDE

for Lecture #17

### Christ's Office of Prophet

#### Memorization

**Question 23:** *What offices doth Christ execute as our Redeemer?*

**Answer:** *Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.*

**Question 24:** *How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?*

**Answer:** *Christ executeth the office of a prophet in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.*

#### Lecture Structure

1. Introduction: Christ's offices.
2. What Christ our Prophet does.
3. How Christ our Prophet does it.
4. Conclusion

#### Literal Study

1. Define these terms as they are used in the lecture:

- a) Office \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Execute \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Prophet \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Priest \_\_\_\_\_
- e) King \_\_\_\_\_

2. Paraphrase the answer to Question #23, or put it into your own words.

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5. Paraphrase the answer to Question #24, or put it into your own words.

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**Lecture Checkup**

1. Describe the office of a prophet of God in the Bible?

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2. What was the test of prophets that God gave to his people (Deuteronomy 18:21–22)?

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3. Were the Old Testament prophets told to prophecy their own ideas? How important was it that they spoke only what God told them? (2 Peter 1:21)

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4. What is the specific message that Christ the Prophet makes known to us?

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5. Is it possible to say that the whole Bible is the Word of Christ? Explain your answer.

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6. Why is the work of the Holy Spirit necessary in order to give us God's Word? What is the work of the Holy Spirit in us?

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7. How are fallen sinners included in God's gospel message of salvation? What is God's will for the fallen sinner?

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8. How does the Lord Jesus use his Word and his Spirit to work salvation in sinners?

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9. What is the right attitude to have when studying the Bible? What does it mean to "give diligence" when studying God's Word?

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10. In this lecture, Rev. Mattull said, "We must study the Word to understand the Word." How does studying the Word help us understand it?

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### **Further Studies**

1. In what estate does Christ execute these three offices?

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2. Without the Holy Spirit, is the Word of Christ sufficient to teach us the will of God for our salvation? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Is the Spirit of Christ sufficient, without his Word, to teach us the will of God for our salvation? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Practical Application**

1. Rev. Mattull gave us several ways of reading the Bible which can benefit us. Please list out his suggestions.

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2. To help you study the Word of God in a regular and diligent way, we recommend you make a plan for reading the Bible on a daily basis. You might try the *M'Cheyne Reading Plan* which helps you read the whole Bible in a year, but there are other Bible reading plans available.

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**Project Ideas**

Search for Bible passages that show us the godly man's affection toward the Word of God. Record them for your further reference.

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