

**Worshiping the Holy Trinity**  
**Lesson 11: Communion with the Son**

**I. A Christ-Centered Trinitarianism and a Trinitarian Christ-Centeredness**

“There is no such thing in the Christian life as being too Christ-centered. But it is certainly possible to Father-forgetful and Spirit-ignoring. At their best, and from their roots, evangelicals have avoided that. In recent decades, though, it requires vigilance to make sure we are presenting the evangelical message with...Trinitarian connections. What Would Jesus Do? He would do the will of the Father in the power of the Spirit. He would send the Spirit to bring us to the Father.”

-Fred Sanders, *The Deep Things of God: How the Trinity Changes Everything*

**II. Communion with the Son**

1. as our fellow \_\_\_\_\_

2. as our elder \_\_\_\_\_

3. as our great \_\_\_\_\_

4. as our merciful \_\_\_\_\_

**Quotes used in the Lesson**

“Is the gospel mainly about Jesus Christ or mainly about the Trinity? That is a question so badly formulated that it would not deserve an answer, except that it undeniably gives voice to a tension that is widely felt in evangelical circles and beyond.”

-Fred Sanders, *The Deep Things of God: How the Trinity Changes Everything*

Q: WHAT KIND OF MEDIATOR...MUST WE SEEK?

A: One who is a true and righteous man, and yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.

Q: WHY MUST HE BE A TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS MAN?

A: Because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned should make satisfaction for sin; but one who is himself a sinner cannot satisfy for others.

Q: WHY MUST HE ALSO BE TRUE GOD?

A: That by the power of His Godhead he might bear in his manhood the burden of God's wrath, and so obtain for and restore to us righteousness and life.

Q: BUT WHO NOW IS THAT MEDIATOR, WHO IN ONE PERSON IS TRUE GOD AND ALSO A TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS MAN?

A: Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is freely given unto us for complete redemption and righteousness.

### **-The Heidelberg Catechism**

“There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah  
Holy One  
Thank you, O my Father  
For giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.”

**-“There is a Redeemer”- Keith Green**

“His taking our nature not only adds unto our faith, but in some way or other adds even to his being merciful. Therefore it is said, “that he might be made merciful.” That is, merciful in such a way as otherwise God of himself had never been; namely, even as a man... Christ's manhood had all his largeness of mercy from the Deity. So that, had he not had the mercies of God to enlarge his heart towards us, he could never have held out to have forever been merciful unto us.

But then, this human nature assumed, that adds a new way of being merciful. It assimilates all these mercies, and makes them the mercies of a man; it makes them human mercies, and so gives a naturalness and kindness unto them to our capacities. So that God does now in as kindly and as natural a way pity us, who are flesh of his flesh, and bone of his bone, as a man pities a man, thereby to encourage us to come to him, and to be familiar with God, and treat with him for grace and mercy, as a man would do with a man; as knowing that in that man Christ Jesus (whom we believe upon) God dwells, and his mercies work in and through his heart in a human way.

**-Thomas Goodwin, *The Heart of Christ***

