

V. Objective Christology

(Objective Christology is Christology proper...subjective Christology is usually known as Soteriology)

A. Introductory Notes

1. The relevant portions of the symbols

- a. Confession :Section II, VIII
- b. Larger Catechism: Q. 37-54
- c. Shorter Catechism: Q. 21-28

Other portions of the confession take up aspects of Christ's work and position but you will notice how much more of the questioning catechisms is given to this part of the subject. I think this is due to the fact that the nature of the Lord's person and ministry naturally evokes a lot of questions and while the basic statements are short and pointed, the questions that arise are long and complicated. That is what I think!

2. Summary

The Lord Jesus is the only begotten Son of God, equal with the Father yet known through the incarnation and identified as man. He executes the prerogatives of God while working/willingly undertaking a place of humiliation...through which He has satisfied completely the justice of the Father and made redemption applicable to all who believe.

3. Key points:

1. The difficult nature of the Son of God... Christ being both man and God in a non-confused way. It raises questions of a very substantial sort...some of which must be addressed more in the proper theology courses and some of which must be noted here in name at least.

2. The importance of the subject : without a Saviour there is no Salvation. Is any salvation possible without the Son of God? When we see this clearly we will see the enormity of positions such as those held by the Russelites and similar groups.

3. The efficacy of His Person and work looms large as the only grounds of our knowledge and deliverance. His adequacy cannot be overestimated.