

Chapter 5: His Love in the Office of Mediator

I. The Causes of the Mediation of Christ [Determining Factors]

A. The Immediate Cause of Christ's Mediation

B. The Ultimate Cause of the Christ's Mediation

II. The Relationship of the Love of Christ to the Love of the Father

FN - We are considering here the love of Christ in his mediation, as distinct from the love he has being one with the Father considered absolutely.

A. The Love of Christ was the Execution of the Father's Love

B. The Love of Christ was the Realization of the Father's Love

III. The Means of the Execution and Realization of the Father's Love in the Mediation of Christ

10 Observations:

Observation 1: The mediating love of Christ toward the elect has perfect correspondence with the intention of the Father in their creation.

Observation 2: The mediating love of Christ was absolutely necessary due to the temporal and eternal effects of the fall.

Observation 3: The mediating love of Christ is proper when expressed toward a subject which has been created with the capacity for restoration to the enjoyment of God.

Observation 4: The mediating love of Christ is moved by pity and compassion we being creatures who are capable when acted on by divine compassion of being relived of our misery.

Observation 5: The mediating love of Christ was moved to action within him due to the thoughts of delight and pleasure redeeming us would bring him before the Father.

Observation 6: The mediating love of Christ is self induced he being in himself sufficient and in need of nothing.

Observation 7: The mediating love of Christ was so powerful within the divine nature that it moved him to endure every hardship in procuring the end desired, namely our restoration according to the will and love of the Father.

Observation 8: The mediating love of Christ embrace as the instrument of the Father's choice in our redemption a body that had been prepared specifically for him, endued with every grace and filled with love and compassion for his brothers at every point.

Observation 9: The mediating love of Christ is communicated to us, the lost - yet now restored community - by means of his singular person through both his divine and human natures.

Observation 10: The mediating love of Christ through both natures working in concert - divine and human - comes to us by virtue of the singular person of Christ.

IV. Growing in Our Contemplation and Appreciation of This Love

A. The Preparation of the Mind

Three Prescriptions Given:

1. A Holy Composure of Mind
2. An Inclination Toward Heavenly Things
3. Constant Apprehensions of This Glory

B. The Penetration of the Mind

Move from the GENERAL to the PARTICULAR

Example:

GENERAL: CHRIST IS KING

PARTICULAR:

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