Prophet Priest and King

Jesus is the Christ, "The Anointed One." He is anointed by God the Father with the Holy Spirit to perform three vital functions for our salvation. Jesus is our Prophet, Priest and King.

Jesus is the **Prophet** foretold in the Old Testament Scriptures. "The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you" (Acts 3:22). As Prophet, He reveals to us the will of God for our salvation by His Word and Spirit. We could never know God apart from Jesus Christ, the living Word of God, the image of the invisible God. "No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him" (John 1:18).

Jesus is also the **Priest**. He offered Himself once for all as a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice (propitiation) and to reconcile us to God. "In all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people" (Hebrews 2:17). Having been raised from the grave, He lives forevermore as the perfect mediator for His people. "Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He ever lives to make intercession for them" (Hebrews 7:25).

Finally, Jesus is **King**. When Pilate asked if He was a king, Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world" (John 18:37). Indeed Jesus is King of kings and Lord of lords. Jesus has all power in heaven and earth. "He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death" (1 Corinthians 15:25, 26). With Christ as the supreme ruler of the universe, Christians are assured of His continual care, protection and their ultimate victory.

Is Jesus Christ your Prophet, your Priest and your King? Do you believe His word? Do you come to Him for cleansing? Do you submit to His rule?