

The Apostles' Creed: Second Article

[I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

The Office of Christ

Today, we are talking about the three-fold office of Christ. His office means His responsibility or job. Christ's three-fold office is Prophet, Priest, and King. What is this all about?

Prophet

What did the prophets do in the Old Testament? (*pause for answers*). They preached the Word of God. Many times, they would prophesy about the coming Messiah, Jesus Christ, who would save the world from sin. Jesus preached the Word of God when He was here on earth and backed it up with miracles. He continues to preach today through the preached Word of God.

Priest

What did priests do? (*pause for answers*). They made sacrifices for the people, and they were intermediaries, or go-betweens for God and the people. Jesus offered the sacrifice for our sins. But He went farther. The sacrifice He offered was His own life. Today, He still is our go-between with God the Father as He intercedes or prays for us.

King

What do kings do? (*Pause for answers*). Kings rule. We talk about the kingdom of God. Jesus, as God, rules over all creation. This is His Kingdom of Power. He rules over and defends the church. This is His Kingdom of Grace. And He leads His church to heaven. This is His Kingdom of Glory.

That's a lot that Jesus does, isn't it? I'm thankful for all that. Aren't you?

Prayer:

Lord, we thank You that You are our Prophet, proclaiming the Gospel, our Priest, interceding for us, and our King, ruling over us. Amen.