



it remains so great a wonder of God's grace that God has sought him, has kept him, and through it all, has brought him home into the kingdom that is above.  
~Rev. J. den Hoed

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Concerning the 6th Lord's Day and the necessity of the mediator being a real righteous man..... The man Christ was perfectly righteous, or has fulfilled the law in four respects. 1. By his own righteousness. Christ alone performed perfect obedience, such as the law requires. 2. By enduring punishment sufficient for our sins. There was a necessity that this double fulfillment of the law should be in Christ: for unless his righteousness had been full, and perfect, he could not have satisfied for the sins of others; and unless he had endured such punishment as has been described, he could not thereby have delivered us from everlasting punishment. The former is called the fulfilling of the law by obedience, by which he himself was conformable thereto; the latter is the fulfilling of the law by punishment, which he suffered for us, that we might not remain subject to eternal condemnation. 3. Christ fulfills the law in us by his Spirit, when he by the same Spirit regenerates us, and by the law leads us to that obedience which is required from us, which is both external and internal, which we commence in this life, and which we shall perfectly and fully perform in the life to come. 4. Christ fulfills the law by teaching it, and freeing it from errors and interpolations, and by restoring its true sense, as he himself said, "I am not come to destroy the law, but to fulfil it." (Matt. 5:17.)

And also very God.... It was necessary that the Mediator should be God, that he might reveal the secret will of God concerning the redemption of mankind, which he could not have done, had he been merely a man. No creature could ever have known, or discovered, the will of God concerning our redemption, had not the Son of God revealed it. "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him." (John 1:18.)

It behoved the Mediator to be God, that he might be able to give the Holy Ghost, gather a church, be present with it, and bestow and preserve the benefits purchased by his death.

~Zacharias Ursinus

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Sioux Falls, SD



*Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the name  
of the LORD; praise him, O ye servants  
of the LORD.  
Psalm 135:1*

Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m.