I. Introduction

A. “Alexamenos worships his God.”

B. Review 1234

C. Today: the work of Christ the redeemer
   1. Atonement and enthronement
   2. Redemption accomplished, redemption applied
      Geerhardus Vos: “There is no gift that has not been earned by him. Neither is there a gift that is not bestowed by him.”

II. Biblical images of the work of Christ

A. Common themes
   1. Christ’s relationship to his people
   2. Atonement/redemption accomplished
   3. Enthronement/redemption applied

B. Exodus imagery
   1. The OT imagery
      a. Redemption from slavery
      b. Adoption as sons
      c. Inheritance of the land
      d. Indwelling presence of God in tabernacle and temple
   2. Texts: Gal 3.10-14; 4.4-7
      Common themes
      a. Christ’s relationship to his people: Christ is our kinsman-redeemer
      b. Atonement/redemption accomplished: Christ redeems us/pays our ransom
      c. Enthronement/redemption applied: Christ grants us freedom from slavery, adoption, inheritance, indwelling of the Holy Spirit

C. Covenant imagery
1. The OT imagery
   a. Covenant relationship
   b. Covenant precept
   c. Covenant penalty
   d. Covenant blessing
   e. New exodus → covenant curses; debtors to God’s law (Isa 40)

2. Texts: Gal 3.10-14; 4.4-7
   **Common themes**
   a. Christ’s relationship to his people: **Christ is our covenant head** (2 Sam 21; Rom 5.12-21)
   b. Atonement/redemption accomplished: **Christ satisfies the precept and penalty of the covenant** (Rom 5.12-21; Gal 3.10-14; 4.4-7)
   c. Enthronement/redemption applied: **On the basis of his merits, Christ grants us the free gifts of righteousness, covenant union, covenant blessing, flowing down from the head to the body** (Ps 133)

D. Cultic imagery
   1. The OT imagery
      a. Laying on of hands/burden bearing
      b. Raising of hands/blessing bestowing
      c. Stain and cleansing
   2. Texts: John 1.29, 36; Gospel of Luke
      **Common themes**
      a. Christ’s relationship to his people: **Christ is our lamb and priest**
      b. Atonement/redemption accomplished: **Christ is our substitutionary sacrifice**
      c. Enthronement/redemption applied: **Christ cleanses us of our sin, grants us access to God’s presence, intercedes for us** (Rom 8.34; Heb 7.25), **bestows God’s blessing**

III. Conclusion: “Alexamenos worships his God.”
   A. Gods in the dock: Isa 45.20; 46.1-4—our God bears our sins and bestows a blessing
B. Worthy is the lamb that was slain (connect to Heb 1.2: his glory, our happiness in him)

C. “Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all”