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**Dear Friends of the Foundation:**

On Tuesday, we shall have arrived in Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion* at Book II, chapter 15. Here Calvin famously sets forth the threefold office of Christ as prophet, king, and priest. Interestingly, however, beyond this chapter he does little or nothing with these categories.

As prophet, he is teacher. As king, he is eternal ruler. As priest (and victim), he offered (and was) the sacrifice for our sins.

His priestly office also includes something more:

It follows that he is an everlasting intercessor: through his pleading we obtain favor. Hence arises not only trust in prayer, but also peace for godly consciences, while they safely lean upon God's fatherly mercy and are surely persuaded that whatever has been consecrated through the Mediator is pleasing to God. (section 6, p. 502)

What great comfort it is that Christ not only died for us and rose for us but also continues to pray for us!

Grace and Peace,

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