

4)) that leads to eternal life and eternal happiness; a path that has been prepared for you by Jesus Christ, who died that whosoever believeth on Him might not perish but have eternal life, to ~~keep~~ ~~in~~ teach them the way of life and show them how to come, be turned from darkness to light, to walk in this path, and to go forward in it -- He sends ministers to do this great and vital task.

So in ordaining to the Gospel ministry a young man whom God has called to this work, and set apart to it, and prepared for it, we are doing the greatest service for mankind that we could possibly do, for we are preparing for them a pipe to bring to them the water of life, to bring to them that which alone can make their lives worth while.

But now our topic doesn't stop with Why a Minister?, simply; It says Why a Bible Presbyterian Minister?

And so we will briefly look at the second part of this -- why a Presbyterian minister; why not just say, Why a Presbyterian minister?

Why not just say, A Minister of Christ. Why say, A Presbyterian Minister?

Well, we think a little bit of the heritage of Presbyterianism. We think back 400 years to that day when that brilliant young man, John Calvin, in Paris, gave up the prospects of a great legal career, because God took hold of him and God showed him, that great as the future was before him as a great lawyer using that training which he had, that there was a work to be done for eternity, not just for this life. John Calvin turned and devoted himself to the study of the Word of God; and it wasn't long before John Calvin had to flee for his life -- the rulers of France didn't like the message that he found in the Word of God, so John Calvin went to Geneva; there in Geneva, John Calvin studied the Word of God and saw how many of the practices of the churches of his day were contrary to the teaching of the Word of God. People said, John Calvin, you're trying to start a new sect; you're trying to start a little cult that holds new and strange views, and you're leaving Christianity. John Calvin said, Nothing of the kind. He said, I am standing for the teaching of the Word of God as given by Christ and the apostles and as held by all the true