

There Is One Mediator

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“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.” I Timothy 2:5

INTRODUCTION

1. This text summarizes our religion plainly, concisely, boldly, dogmatically, and well.
2. There is a We are not the evolutionary results of an ancient big bang, energetic plasma floating in the ocean, or discontented monkeys wanting to become human.
3. There is **one** International religious reconciliation notwithstanding. Baal, Brahma, the Great Spirit, Diana, Rama, Jupiter, Vishnu, and Dagon are no gods.
4. There is a great gulf **between** God and man. Man = Love = God is fantasy. Godhood as man's next stop in his evolutionary development is a fantastic hallucination.
5. There is a sin **problem** between God and men. Man is not a wonderful thing, nor even a neutral thing, no matter how high he climbs, in the universe.
6. There is required an **intermediary** to save man. Man cannot save himself.
7. A **man** – a flesh being related to Adam – is the required intermediary.
8. Jesus Christ is the **one** mediator – not John Paul II or Mahatma Ghandi or Mohammed or Mary or an angel or any saint of your choosing.

I. The DEFINITION of Mediator.

- A. One who intervenes between two parties, esp. for the purpose of effecting reconciliation; one who brings about (a peace, a treaty) or settles (a dispute) by mediation.
- B. We also use arbitrator, go-between, umpire, referee, intercessor, arbiter, intermediary, broker, middleman, negotiator, moderator, and conciliator among other terms.
- C. Spouses use counselors for mediating marital disagreements; corporations use industry experts for mediating company disputes; nations use ambassadors for mediating national conflicts; athletes use chosen arbitrators to mediate salary disputes; and our court system uses public defenders and lawyers to mediate in legal proceedings.
- D. Moses was a mediator between God and Israel (Ex 20:18-21; Deut 5:5 cp Gal 3:19).
- E. Job wished for a daysman (or mediator) to take his case before God (Job 9:32-35).

II. The NEED for the Mediator.

- A. We will stand in the Court of Heaven before the Judge of the Universe (Hebrews 9:27; Ecclesiastes 12:14; II Corinthians 5:10-11; Revelation 4:1 – 5:14; 20:11-15).
- B. The legal situation and condition of man requires an intermediary to approach God.

1. Adam and Eve brought condemnation upon all men (Romans 5:12-14).
 2. All men have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).
 3. All men are handicapped with a sin nature that cannot please God (Rom 8:7-8).
 4. We are legally condemned sinners with an incorrigible nature and many sins.
 5. God shall open the books and judge righteously in a Court without any escape.
- C. The nature of God is such that sinful man does not have a chance at mercy by himself.
1. God is absolutely holy and cannot overlook or approve sin (Habakkuk 1:13).
 2. He cannot by any means acquit or clear the wicked (Nahum 1:2-6; Ex 34:7).
 3. There is no hiding of sin or motives with this Judge (Psalm 139:4; Prov 15:3).
 4. God is infinitely higher than man, so there is no hope of satisfaction (Is 55:8-9)
 5. All men can be bought or influenced, but this Judge is clean (Matt 7:21-23).
- D. There is no lack of witnesses for the Prosecution. The Devil and his angels are loud, vicious, aggressive, and constant accusing witnesses (Job 1:9-10; 2:4-5; Rev 12:10).
- E. The precedents of this Judge and Court are well known and consistent: the Flood, Sodom, Pharaoh and Egypt, Korah, Uzzah, Ananias, and Jerusalem are just a few.
- F. The law is simply stated: the soul that sinneth, it shall die (Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 6:23).

III. The QUALIFICATIONS of the Mediator.

- A. He must have the credentials and integrity satisfactory to the Judge and Court.
- B. He must relate to both parties. Will the Judge regard Him? Does He know our situation?
- C. He must satisfy both parties. Can He make restitution? Can He offer us freedom?
- D. He must remain at His post to handle any future appeals or complications or violations.
- E. There are no jury games in this Court – the mediator must satisfy the Judge.

IV. The IMPOSTERS of the Mediator.

- A. She was a sinner, needed a Saviour, died, and was turned down by Christ.
- B. They are sinners themselves, die, and are identified as antichrists in Scripture.
- C. They are sinners themselves, die, and need their own mediator for salvation.
- D. They are sinners themselves, die, need a mediator, and their will is excluded.
- E. They are sinners themselves, die, need a mediator, and were not given for life.
- F. They are sinners themselves, die, and would be beaten by Jesus Christ.
- G. One sin violates all (James 2:10). No man has any good (Psalm 14:2-3). Motive is crucial (Prov 21:4; Isaiah 64:6; I Corinthians 13:3; Romans 14:23; Heb 11:6). And He doesn't care what you have done in His name (Matthew 7:21-23).
- H. He cannot acquit or clear, and He shouldn't given our relationship and offence.

V. The PROMISE of the Mediator.

- A. God promised eternal life before the world began (Titus 1:2).
- B. God promised a Seed to bruise Satan's head in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:15).
- C. God promised a Gatherer Named Shiloh (Genesis 49:10).
- D. God promised a Prophet Like Moses (Deuteronomy 18:15-19).
- E. God promised a virgin-born Son to be called Immanuel – God with us (Isaiah 7:14).
- F. God promised a Son as a Counsellor and the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6-7).

VI. The PERSON of the Mediator.

- A. The Son of Mary and the Son of God (Luke 1:26-35).
- B. The Horn of Salvation and Redeemer of Israel (Luke 1:68-75).
- C. The Word of God our Great High Priest (Hebrews 4:12-16).
- D. The Lion of the Tribe of Judah and Root of David (Revelation 5:5).
- E. God testified of Him Highly (Matthew 3:17).

VII. The WORK of the Mediator.

- A. He died a substitute for us receiving the full judgment of God (Gal 3:13; I Peter 2:24).
- B. He offered His blood and death to God for us (Hebrews 9:11-15).
- C. This is a finished fact (John 19:30).

VIII. The RESULTS of the Mediator.

- A. He has reconciled us by His death and continues with His life (Romans 5:6-11).
- B. His representation for us was more than enough (Romans 5:19-21 cp Isaiah 40:2).
- C. The Verdict of Heaven guarantees all blessings and no charges (Romans 8:32-34).
- D. Not merely acquittal, but rather justification and adoption and glorification (Rom 8:29-31; Galatians 4:4-7; Ephesians 1:4-7).
- E. Our names were written in the Book of Life of the Lamb from eternity (Rev 13:8; 17:8).
- F. And He promised that He would not lose one of them (John 6:38-39; 17:2; Heb 2:13).
- G. And He sent Satan our enemy to the Lake of Fire instead (John 12:31; Rev 12:9; 20:10).

IX. The COMPENSATION of the Mediator.

- A. It is a free gift by the grace of God to reveal His great kindness (Rom 5:16; 6:23; 11:6).
- B. The Lord paid for His services with exalted glory and honor and position (Phil 2:9-11).
- C. He shall receive the praises of Heaven forever and ever (Revelation 5:11-14).

X. The GLORY of the Mediator.

- A. There is no other name under heaven whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12).
- B. He is The Way, The Truth, and The Life. No man is saved without Him (John 14:6).

- C. He is the Dividing Event of all Human History (BC vs AD).
- D. If any love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha (I Cor 16:22).

XI. The REQUIREMENTS of the Mediator.

- A. Paul reasoned that he owed his life to his Mediator (II Corinthians 5:14). This is simple!
- B. The good news of the gospel preacher: Be ye reconciled to God (II Cor 5:18-21).
- C. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be persuaded of your salvation (II Timothy 1:12).
- D. Make your calling and election sure, before you get to Court (II Peter 1:10-11).