



*One
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men*

YES, that is what the Bible states – “There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5). There are not numerous mediators. No, there is one and only one, “the man Christ Jesus”.

Between God the Creator and man the creature there is understandably a great gulf. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth. Man on the other hand is a dependent, mortal creature, responsible to serve and obey his Creator. He has, however, disobeyed the commandments of his Maker and continues in a state of rebellion to live by his own chosen standards of conduct and behaviour, regardless of God. This rejection of divine authority by man has not only brought guilt upon him but has fixed a separation between God and men.

It is this situation that makes a mediator necessary. God the Creator is the offended and angry party, while men are guilty of the offence. Any mediator or reconciler between these two parties must possess unique qualities in order to make peace between them. The only One in all the universe with the necessary character, authority and ability to perform the work of such

a mediator, is the Son of God, who took a sinless human nature into union with His divine Person and dwelt among sinful men in this world. He became, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures and yet one Person for ever. As such, He is perfectly equipped to reconcile God and men and therefore rightly declares, "No man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

By His substitutionary death on the cross of Calvary, Jesus the Son of God made a full atonement for sin and removed the condemnation of God's law from those for whom He died. Having satisfied all the demands of divine justice, He now lives at God's right hand in heaven, to make intercession for all those who by faith come to God through Him (Hebrews 7:24-25).

Since a Mediator exists, the poor sinner who realises his or her need and who in repentance depends solely upon Him for peace and acceptance with God will be reconciled completely for time and for eternity. Jesus Christ requires no payment but offers Himself absolutely free to all who apply to Him by faith. As the one and only Mediator, He says to such in all their sinfulness and hopelessness, "Him that

cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). The apostle John wrote, "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1). His death atoned for their sin and His life in heaven is one of intercession for all those who put their trust in Him and therefore, ***"There is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus"***.

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