

CHRIST IS OUR MEDIATOR

1Tim. 2:5

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Explain what the word Mediator means (Vines: literally a go-between)
- B. Many situations in this life in which people need a mediator in order to resolve a dispute
- C. Certainly then we should recognize our need for such in being reconciled to God.

DISCUSSION:

I. THE CAUSE OF THE SEPARATION

- A. God and man were friends in the garden
- B. Separated now because of man sin Isa 59:1, 2; Jas 1:13-15
- C. God plans to win man back to him through love Jhn 3: 16; 2Pet 3:9; 1Jhn 4:9
 1. Jesus used love Jhn 14:1-3; Gal 2:20
 2. It should be our intentions to use the same Rom 12:20, 21

II. GOD DOES NOT DEAL DIRECTLY WITH US

- A. Under the patriarchal dispensation the husband and father was priest.
- B. Under the law: Moses was the mediator Deut 5:1-5; Gal 3:19
 1. Terms of mediation given to Moses
 2. Priest carried out the terms of mediation
- C. Under the gospel: Jesus Mediator
 1. Jesus is the lawgiver Acts 3:22,23; Heb 1:1,2
 2. Jesus also our high priest Heb 2:17,18; 8:1
 3. Christ is also our king Rev 17:14; Heb 1:8
- D. This excludes the virgin Mary the pope or anyone else

III. THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A MEDIATOR

- A. Must be equally related to both parties
 1. Jesus is divine Matt 1: 23; 3:17; 16:16; 17:5; Jhn 1:1
 2. Jesus was also human Matt 1:21; Phil 2:5-8;
 3. Passages that show him to be both human and divine Rom 1:1-4
- B. Must know all the facts
 1. Jesus knows all Jhn 2:24,25; Col 2:3
 2. He read men' s thoughts Matt 9:4
 3. Note his answers to his enemies. We sometimes get into trouble by hearing only one side of a question
 4. Jesus knew the mind of God. He was with Him in the beginning Jhn 1:1,2,14
- C. He must not be a party to the disputes
 1. Jesus was not Jhn 8:46; Heb 4:14-15
 2. Note John's testimony Jhn 1:29
 3. No one could find any fault with him

IV. TERMS OF MEDIATION

- A. Requires faith in Christ Jhn 8:24; 20:30,31
- B. Requires a turning from our sin Lk 13:3; Acts 2:38
- C. Requires a confession of our faith in Christ Rom 10:9,10; Matt 10:32,33
- D. Requires baptism for remission of sins Mk 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1Pet 3:21
- E. Requires faithfulness in service to God Acts 2:42; 2Pet 1:5-11; 1Cor 15:58

V. GOD THEN DOES WHAT HE AGREED TO DO

- A. Extends forgiveness of sins Acts 2:38
- B. Restores individual to right relationship to God Acts 2:47
- C. In the world to come eternal life Mk 10:30

CONCLUSION:

- A. God has done his part in supplying a perfect mediator, one who is fully qualified to bring man into a right relationship to God again.
- B. If you want Christ as your mediator, then you must adhere to the conditions of peace which he has set forth (discussed above)
- C. If at one time you have been reconciled to God but then have since ceased to serve him faithfully then you need to approach your Mediator in repentance and ask for forgiveness of your sins Acts 8:22; 1Jhn 1:9