

CHRIST THE ONE MEDIATOR

1. Text: I Timothy 2:1-6
2. Notice verse 5: There is one mediator between God and men. Who is it? Christ Jesus.
3. What is a mediator? Greek: to go + middle, so “go-between.” English: from Latin, “to be in the middle.” One who mediates between two parties to remove a disagreement or conflict, or to reach a common goal. An arbitrator, intermediary, umpire, a person who stands between two parties. In secular Gk: legal term for a neutral, fair person between two conflicting parties who judged and settled the issues.
4. Notice Paul affirms there is only one between God and man. Unfortunately that is often challenged and rejected today. Here are five ways:

I. **“I Can Make My Own Way.”**

1. Believe no need for any help with relation to God.
2. Psalm 119:21 You rebuke the proud, the cursed, who stray from your commandments.
3. Proverbs 15:25 The Lord will destroy the house of the proud.
4. James 4:6 God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.

II. **World Religion Leaders**

1. Are the Buddha, Muhammad, Confucius, and others just as good for us to get to God as Christ? Many paths to God?
2. What does the text say?
3. John 14:6 No one comes to the Father except by me.

III. **Saints And Especially Mary The Lord’s Mother**

1. Saint used 60 times in King James Version: all ordinary Christians were set apart for God or saints.
2. Setting apart and canonizing certain persons officially as “superior followers” of Christ is simply a tradition of men. (Mark 7:7-8,9,13)
3. The exaltation of Mary as a mediator or intercessor because of the “remoteness” of Christ is a doctrine from the 3rd or 4th century.
4. This doctrine: from heaven or from men? (Luke 20:4)

IV. **The Church And Its Officials**

1. Point: church and officials (priests) mediate for “laymen” to God. Without official church functions one cannot be right before God.
2. Background for ordained ministers, weddings by ministers in church buildings.
3. So is the Lord’s church unimportant? Acts 20:28 Purchased His church with His blood. Ephesians 5:25 Christ loved church and gave Himself for it.
4. Saved are in the church and are the church.

V. **“The Church Of Christ” And Its Preachers**

1. Wrong and perverted understanding: Back to Nancy Grace and “baptized by preacher of church of Christ.”
2. I Corinthians 3:5 “Ministers through whom you believed.”
3. The New Testament church is the result of the mediation, not the reason for it.
4. Answering “Everybody else is going to hell.”

Conclusion:

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