

There  
is One  
God ...

**There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.**

(1 Timothy 2:5-6)

## **For there is one God**

Everything begins with God, and it is vitally important that we possess a correct understanding of this transcendent, high and lofty One, the Creator and Upholder of the universe wherein His eternal purpose is being worked out. He is the God of majestic glory, unfathomable grace and absolute holiness, righteous in His actions, eternal in His existence and immutable in His decrees. He is the God of mercy and truth, that God to whom all men are ultimately responsible and personally accountable, the living and true God who has revealed Himself to His creatures throughout the centuries of time, yet whom men and women choose to ignore and persuade themselves does not exist.

This is the God of the Bible who has manifested Himself as three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, mutually one in essence and purpose yet distinct in being. These Persons of the Godhead desire the eternal good of mankind, that distinct creature upon the earth, made in God's image and likeness, being unique from the animals.

He is a relational God unlike the far off and obscure gods of the worlds religions who have eyes that see not, mouths that speak not and ears that hear not and the Bible continually warns of the folly of giving homage to such. Our Maker desires us to be to Him as children, sons and daughters, but there is problem.

## **And one Mediator between God and men**

We learn by this statement, a number of truths, that are repeated so frequently in the Bible, such is their importance:

- That there is enmity between God and mankind that prevents harmony and communion. The forbearance and longsuffering of God is set against our sin, our foolishness, and rebellion. Man is the guilty party and the one in need of reconciliation.
- That reconciliation can only be accomplished through the activity of a suitable mediator, one who acts on behalf of God and man. No other approach is possible.
- That there are judicial aspects involved in this mediation. There is no ground for compromise.

The work of a mediator is no mean task, especially when the issues are so immense, when failure to accomplish would have such dire consequences, particularly upon those at fault. It takes dedication, ability and courage to work through the details, and requires an individual who answers to both parties, especially when the terms of reconciliation must be established on a righteous basis such that conditions of peace are perpetual and not fragile. The Person and their work undertaken therefore is important for success. Fallen mankind is powerless to act for himself. The One now presented however is fully suited to be that mediator.

## **The Man Christ Jesus**

Those who take time to read their Bibles will discover that this Man is the substance of its pages. It breathes Christ from Genesis prior His birth through to Revelation where He is presented as the final victor over the dominions of men. There is so much that could be said about this unique Man yet such little space to declare it, the One in whom is hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge!

The Bible enlightens us that Christ Jesus is “God manifest in the flesh”, the eternal Son, yet who became a true Man without a trace of Adam’s sin within Him. This becomes obvious if one reads the Gospel records and note the manner of Man He was; selfless, without pride or arrogance, pure and gentle, having power and authority to raise the dead and expel disease. This was all before the eye of God the Father and proves to us His fitness for that which really provided the basis of His mediation for mankind ...

## **Who gave Himself a ransom for all,**

A price was involved to establish the grounds of reconciliation and it was the Mediator who paid that price Himself! A sacrifice was necessary to deal with man’s sin; Christ laid His life down and His precious blood was shed via the shameful death on the cross to establish peace on a righteous basis. It is as it says, “**a ransom for all**” ‘on behalf of’ or in ‘the interests’ of all mankind, irrespective of gender, age, race or tongue. He **GAVE** Himself: this was not being overcome by His enemies, although remarkably it was by their intervention the circumstances came about as foretold. Christ loved His enemies and proved it but so few want restoration to God on this ground alone. Many do not seek restoration at all; it is not spontaneous. There is no other way, no other basis. He alone could declare that He is “**the Way, the Truth and the Life**” (John 14:6).

## **To be testified in due time**

This great work of Christ’s mediation has been testified across the nations for twenty centuries. Many have heard, forsaken their sin and believed on Him to ensure their right standing before God. The Bible teaches that for an individual to stand at the bar of God on judgment day without Christ’s advocacy is folly, eternal doom: evidence of guilt is overwhelming. Yet Christ has died and been raised again for our justification. Wisdom is justified of her children!