

CHRIST MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MAN

1Tim 2:1-6

INTRODUCTION:

- A. In our text, Paul gives exhortations as to whom we should pray for and the kind of life we should live.
- B. Then he tells us that Christ Jesus is the only mediator between God and man
- C. A mediator is one who interposes or intercedes between two parties who are not agreed
- D. Man is not in agreement with God, that is, he is lost in sin. Isa 59:1,2; Rom.3:23 and must have a mediator to bring himself and God together again.
- E. In this lesson we want to consider some things which qualified Christ Jesus (the anointed one) to serve in the capacity of a mediator.

DISCUSSION:

I. HIS NATURE

- A. Christ endowed with the nature of both parties at issue – God and man Phil 2:5-8 Jesus maintained the form of God and took on the form of man
- B. Christ was the Son of God Mk.14:61,62; Matt.17:5
- C. Christ became the Son of Man Mk.10:47; Matt.18:11

II. HIS ACQUAINTANCE

- A. Christ was intimately acquainted with both parties
 - 1. Existed eternally with God Jhn.1:1,2; Matt.11:27
 - 2. He lived among men some 33 1/2 years and is thoroughly acquainted with man - his trials, temptations sorrows and sufferings Jhn.2:24,25; Heb.4:15
- B. No one can be an effective mediator who is not intimately acquainted with the feelings, views, desires and claims of both parties at issue

III. HIS LOVE

- A. Jesus loved both God the Father and mankind, and was interested in restoring peace between them
- B. His love for the Father led Him to submit to his will and die on the cross Jhn.14:31; Matt.26:39
- C. His love for man lost in sin caused him to be willing to die in man's stead Gal.2:20; Eph.5:2

IV. HIS SUFFERING

- A. Jesus was willing to suffer for both parties in order to reconcile them.
- B. He was willing to suffer whatever God required Matt.26:39; Jhn.3:16; Heb.10:9,10
- C. He was willing to suffer because of man sin's 1Pet.2:21,24; Rom.5:8; 2Cor.5:21

V. MADE PEACE POSSIBLE THROUGH RECONCILIATION Eph 2:16; Col 1:20

- A. Reconciliation means to make friends again: note the prefix "re" and the word "concile"
 - 1. "Re" means again or a second time
 - 2. "Concile" means to make friends or make peace
 - 3. To bring back a former state of harmony
- B. Christ satisfied God by paying the price for the guilt of man's sins Isa.59:2; 2Cor.5:18,21
- C. He leads men back to God through their obedience to the Gospel Isa.53:5; Jhn.14:6; Heb.5:8

CONCLUSION:

- A. Christ then is fully qualified as our mediator because of his dual nature; his acquaintance with both parties; his love for both man and God; the suffering that he underwent and the fact that through Him and no other there is reconciliation.
- B. Do you want Christ as your mediator? If so then be reconciled to God through obedience to the Gospel, then Christ who is the one and only mediator will be pleading with God on your behalf
- C. If you have obeyed the Gospel and have not been faithful to the teachings of Christ then you must turn from your sins and then you can pray to God through Christ for forgiveness of your sins.