



Mediator

2 Timothy 2v5

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus..."

A mediator is a go-between that helps people to communicate and negotiate with each other in order to bring about reconciliation.

We, as Human Beings, need to be reconciled to God because we have offended him by our behaviour. We have rebelled against him and broken the agreement he had with us from the beginning that, 'He would be our God, and we would be his people'.

We have effectively said to God, 'I don't want you or need you. I want to live my life my own way; go away!'. In doing so, we have damaged the relationship between ourselves and God.

So, God gives us what we ask for; he cuts us off - permanently!

This is devastating for us as God is the source of life and everything good. The result of our rebellion is death and separation from God. This is a bit like adultery between a husband and wife leading to divorce.

Even though God is the wronged party in this situation, he still longs to be reconciled with us, so he graciously provides a process by which we can be reconciled to him. This involves a trusted mediator since, 'no man can look on God and live'.

Before Jesus, under the Mosaic Law, a person could not approach God directly through the sacrificial system but had to approach him by means of God's chosen mediator, who was the Jewish High Priest. Just as the Old Testament believer needed to go through the High Priest, the New Testament believer must also go through the High Priest. In this case, the High Priest is Jesus, the Messiah.

However, Jesus doesn't merely present our sacrifice to God, he is our sacrifice, because he gave himself as the sacrifice! That's why he died. But, unlike the Old Testament sacrifices that had to be repeated continually, Jesus is a once-and-for-all sacrifice, which is why he rose again from the dead and is still alive

today. In other words, Jesus fully and forever provides reconciliation between us and God - a perfect mediator!

Once we personally believe that Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sins, and accept him as our Saviour, we have unfettered access to God through Jesus, our mediator. For example, when Believers pray to God, Jesus (the Son) presents our prayers to God (the Father) in a perfect way, such that our prayers are always answered in accordance with God's will.

The concept is described by Jesus himself, when he says, 'No man comes to the Father except through me.' The Bible also says that Jesus is 'a merciful and faithful High Priest in matters pertaining to God, to make atonement for the sins of the people'.

Jesus 'willingly submitted to death' to pay off all our debts towards God, so that the relationship between God and us is restored.

So, Jesus the Mediator? Yes, indeed! God has given us the ultimate mediator:

'For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus...(1 Timothy 2:5).