

## One Mediator

Apart from the mediation of Christ, God could not look upon us but as sinful rebels deserving wrath and hell; nor could we look upon Him but as an angry judge and a consuming fire. Jesus Christ is the 'go-between' who reconciles man to God. The Bible says:

'For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all' (1 Timothy 2:5, 6).

The Bible explicitly declares that there is *one* mediator. Just as there is *one* God, there is *one* mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus. He is qualified to perform this momentous task because the Son of God became human to give His life as a ransom for all, shedding His blood on the cross to pay for and secure our freedom from sin. Jesus is mediator because He is the redeemer; He is the *only* mediator because He is the *only* redeemer.

Sadly, religious tradition blinds millions of Catholics to this simple and glorious reality. They are taught to look upon Mary, the saints and the Church as additional mediators. When asked for an explanation, Catholic apologists respond something like this: "Aren't we also mediators since we often intercede for one another in prayer?"

No, we are not mediators simply because we pray for each other. Looking at the context (1 Timothy 2:1-4), the apostle Paul exhorts Christians to pray for everyone and yet he does not conclude that all Christians are mediators. On the contrary, he states plainly that there is *one* mediator!

Christians would not allow anyone to add other gods to the one true and living God, even if we are assured that they are lesser gods. We believe in one God; all other gods are false. In the same manner, we would not permit anyone to introduce other mediators even though we are assured that they are lesser than Christ. We believe in one mediator; all other mediators are false.

Jesus Christ alone shed His blood to purchase our freedom. The one true mediator is recognized by the marks of the nails on His hands and feet. No-one else is able to save; He alone can bring us safely home to His Father.

There is one mediator. His name is Jesus. There is no other.