

Key Words of the Christian Life

Mediation: Settling Enmity

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Mediation

1 Timothy 2:5...

“For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,”

Mediation

A mediator is...

...someone who seeks to bring two or more opposing parties together in some kind of agreement. In NT times, it was someone who was neutral, trustworthy, and could guarantee the terms of the agreement.

Mediation

Enmity is...

...a deep-seated feeling of hatred or animosity. Paul said in Romans 8:7 that “...*the carnal mind is enmity against God...*” (KJV)

The power of Christ is the only way for that to be changed.

A Qualified Mediator

Jesus is qualified to be the mediator in His Person. After all, He is both God and Man.

- **The OT prophets were not mediators**
- **The OT priests were not mediators**

A Qualified Mediator

Hebrews 9:13-15...

The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. ¹⁴ How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

¹⁵ For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

A Qualified Mediator

Old Covenant	New Covenant
Based on legal works	Based on faith and grace
Was external with washings and sacrifices which only dealt with external uncleanness	Is internal dealing with the inner person, the heart and the conscience
Nothing was finished	It is completed. Jesus said "<i>It is finished.</i>" He is the guarantee this covenant will stand.

A Qualified Mediator

Hebrews 7:22 says that the Lord Jesus Christ has become the guarantee of a better covenant. He is able to make that guarantee.

Definition of Mediation

Once again, it is the ministry of Jesus Christ in bringing God and man together and settling the enmity once and for all.

Mediation is not just a truce, nor is it just an opportunity to argue with God.

Definition of Mediation

What does it mean to have a mediator in Heaven?

- 1. Romans 5:1, it means we have peace with God.**
- 2. It means we are accepted by God because of Jesus. He is the only way.**
- 3. We are able to pray to the Father through the Son. We have security because His work is done.**