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Subject: One Mediator

Why do we need a mediator?

When God first made man He set him in a garden with everything and gave him only one commandment, "The day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die". Man enjoyed all God gave him, God came down and spoke with man in the garden, but man chose to disobey God. The devil tempted the woman, who encouraged the man and sin came in. Man had everything but wanted more. Upon being tempted, instead of gaining he lost everything.

There is one God, a God who is holy, a God who cannot have sin in His presence. You may think sin is a pleasure but it is destructive. Once sin came in, the first man born killed his brother.

We think of sin as the big things, we may say that we are not like that but you may tell a lie or steal something. The smallest sin in our life will bring death and destruction.

God seeks the best for us. The problem is that we are:

["Alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works.."](#)(Col 1:21)
["Enemies"](#)(Rom 5:10)

God seeks only our good. Man is corrupt and opposed to God.

Isa 64:6 – A sinner must admit his true state ["We are as an unclean thing and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags"](#)

In the sight of God there are many failings in our life. No one will seek to make peace unless they realise the danger they are in.

We must answer to God and cannot meet His requirements.

Who is the mediator?

God has provided an answer. When He looked down, knowing we could do nothing without Him, rather than condemning us in sin He sent His Son to be the mediator.

He is God: "In the beginning was the Word ..and the Word was God"(John 1:1).

He became a man (John 1:12). He can reach God and man and bring them together.

Everyone who came to the Lord was answered. Nicodemus came in the night and was answered (John 3). He was a good living man, in contrast (John 4) the Lord spoke to a woman deep in sin. He exposed her sin, He knew all about her but still loved her.

No one is outside the reach of the Saviour.

What is the basis on which He accomplishes His work?

In order to bring us back to God ["He gave Himself a ransom for all"](#) (1 Tim. 5:6)

The Lord Jesus paid the price that our sins deserve. He not only pays the price but He also sets free from bondage.

We were slaves to sin, God can only receive us once the slavery of sin has been broken.

In Christ, we are a new creation, 2 Cor 5:17

The Lord has done everything to make salvation possible. The power of sin is broken for all who join themselves to Christ.

Because He has risen from the dead, death will have no power over those who have trusted Him.

Baptism, upon believing shows you are dead to sin and risen to walk the life of Christ

“[There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus](#)” (Rom 8:1)

Baptism doesn't save you, you must be saved first.

“[All](#)” (1 Tim 2:6) means that nobody is excluded.

God has done everything He can. Tonight you must make the choice.