**R967 Rumination for Aug. 06, 2023**

The **T**heme: **One God and One Mediator** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

**The Text:** *.* *There is one God, and one* ***M****ediator between God and* ***M****en, the* ***M****an Christ Jesus.* I Tim. 2:5

The **T**hots:

1. **The Will of God** – ***Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.* 2:4**
2. The **S**alvation of All – *Who will have all men to be saved*…Saved from what?
3. **S**aved from **S**in – we are **S**inners.
4. The Sin **P**rinciple **I**nherited through **P**arents. Rom. 5:12

*Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin;*

*and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

1. The Sin **P**enalty because we are **I**m**P**enintent Sinners: Rom. 3:23

*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

1. The Sin **P**icture **I**llustrated **I**n **P**hysical Death – *For the wages of sin is death;* Rom. 6:23a

*but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

1. **S**aved from **S**atan – We are Satan’s children: Jn. 8:44
2. We **D**o not tell the truth – *Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.*

*When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

1. We **D**isobey – *the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience* Eph. 2:2
2. We **D**isregard Righteousness – *whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God.* I Jn. 3:10
3. **S**aved from **S**elf – as we are, we are **S**laves to **S**elf.
4. To **W**ill, it is **P**resent – it is within our **P**ower Rom. 7:18

*For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me…*

1. To **W**ork it out, we are **P**owerless – *but how to perform that which is good I find not.*
2. It is **W**retched to be in such a **P**osition – Rom. 7:24

*O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*

1. The **S**aviour for All – the Truth!
2. The **P**roclamation of Truth – *grace and truth came by Jesus Christ* Jn. 1:17
3. The **P**erson of Truth – *Jesus saith…I am the way, the truth, and the life.* Jn. 14:6
4. The **P**roduct of Truth – *Then spake Jesus…* *he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness,*

*but shall have the light of life.* Jn. 8:12

1. **The Way of God – through *One Mediator… the Man Christ Jesus.* I Tim. 2:5, 6**
2. The Singulari**ty** of the Way.
3. For God, there is only one way to **S**ave us. Rom. 3:25, 26

*Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:*

*Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness…*

1. For Christ, there is only one way to **S**ave us.

*Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:* Rom. 3:24, 25

1. For us, there is only one way to be **S**aved: by faith in Christ. Rom. 3:28

*Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.* Cf. Acts 16:31

1. The Difficul**ty** of the Way. Mt. 7:13, 14, NKJV
2. There is a Way to Life, it is Narrow: *Narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life…*
3. There is a Way to Death, it is Wide.

*For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it*.

1. *The…Way…seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.* Pro. 16:25
2. The Necessi**ty** of the way. Jn. 14:6
3. Only **One** Way - *Jesus saith…I am the Way…no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.*
4. Only **One** Name. Acts 4:12

*For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

1. Only **One** Mediator. I Tim. 2:5

*For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus;*

1. **The Wrath of God.**
2. On the Wicked – *God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.* Psa.7:11
3. For the Present – *he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him*.

 Jn. 3:36, NKJV

1. For the Future – *And* *the kings of the earth, and the great men…and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?* Rev. 6:15-17

*Jesus has in truth arisen, He was seen to many eyes;*

*And He lives, our Mediator, In the heav’nly paradise;*

*We shall live because He liveth, We shall see His blessèd face,*

 *Thro’ the flight of endless ages, Sinners saved by matchless grace.* Eden R. Latta,

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 967**

1. *For this is good and acceptable in the sight of ﻿God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and ﻿to come unto the knowledge of the truth.* ***For ﻿there is one God, and one ﻿mediator between God and men, ﻿the man Christ Jesus;*** *Who gave Himself a ransom for all, ﻿to be testified ﻿in due time* I Tim. 2:4-6

Note the context from which the above text is taken.

Firstly, that God will have **all** men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth in spite of the fact that ***all*** *have sinned, and come short of the glory of God*” (Rom. 3:23) is indeed Good…in spite of the fact, that *they were dead in trespasses and sins…* (and) *walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we* ***all*** *once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.*

This is not only Good, but that **God is also Love** – *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...* (Jn. 3:16, NKJV) W*ho, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross.* (Phil. 2:6-8, ASV). Thus, *in this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.* (I Jn. 4:9, 10) *to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation*... (II Cor. 5:19)

Thus, God in Love sent His Son to become **M**an (see above) to be our **M**ediator between Him and **M**en. He, as our *High Priest, was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin* (Heb. 4:15)to reconcile us unto God. There is no one else except ***the Man Christ Jesus*** *Who gave Himself a Ransom for us all* who can Redeem us (I Pet. 1:18, 19). Only He qualifies to be the Mediator between God and Men; there is, and can be none other!

Is He your Mediator? **REFLECT**

1. *For this is good and acceptable in the sight of ﻿God our Saviour; 4 ﻿Who will have all men to be saved, and ﻿to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 5****For ﻿there is one God, and one ﻿mediator between God and men, ﻿the man Christ Jesus;*** *6 ﻿Who gave Himself a ransom for all, ﻿to be testified ﻿in due time.*

***For ﻿there is one God, and one ﻿Mediator between God and men, ﻿the Man Christ Jesus***

Do we need another Mediator when the Word of God declares explicitly and exclusively there is and can only be **ONE** Mediator, none other than the Man, Christ Jesus.

A mediator seeks to negotiate and mediate between two conflicting parties with both parties having confidence in his competence to represent them. Only the Man Jesus Christ has such unique qualifications – He is both God and Man, and there is none other.

Yet, in certain circles today, there are claims that He is not Compassionate enough to understand and represent man. His human mother is better qualified because she is more compassionate. A real study of the character of Mary, though virtuous and motherly, cannot free her from the bonds of sin though people seek to place her conception as a virgin to be immaculate and sinless. This is in contradiction to what God says of all human beings who were and are born in sin. Compare the confession of the psalmist himself –

*Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me*. (Psa. 51:5) Indeed, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;* (Rom. 3:23).

Who is your Mediator? **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** *There is* ***One******M****ediator…the* ***M****an Christ Jesus. Do we need a* ***M****ediatrix?*