

Hebrews 2; Lord's Day 6

THE MEDIATOR, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

- I. What He must be.
 - A. Deliverance from our sins and miseries comes from the “Mediator.”
 - B. Our Mediator/Substitute must be a perfectly righteous human.
 1. First, He must have the same human nature all sinners have (Hebrews 2:14-17).
 2. Second, He must be perfectly righteous, without any corruption or any actual sin.
 - C. And our Mediator must be very God.
- II. God Himself provided the “one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (I Tim. 2:5).
 - A. The Mediator is provided by God Himself, not by us, nor by a joint effort of God and man (cf. Gen. 15).
 - B. Jesus Christ met the qualification to be this Mediator.
 1. God the Son took upon Himself our flesh and blood (born of a human – Mary) and of the seed of Abraham (14,15).
 2. This man had to be free from Adam’s original sin, so He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, not by a sinful man.
 3. And He is “true God,” being God the Son (I Tim. 3:16; I John 5:20).
 - C. The union of Jesus’ divine and human natures of Jesus is called the “incarnation” (coming in flesh).
- III. We know about this divinely-provided Mediator from the gospel (good news).
 - A. The gospel is from God, announced by God, and realized by God.
 - B. Today we have the gospel fully revealed to us in Jesus Christ (cf. Heb. 1:1-3a).
 - C. The proper response to the gospel is to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as our only Savior and Lord.
 1. Search the Scriptures, study them, follow their direction, learn their truths, and see the Mediator/Savior in them.
 2. Constantly put yourself and your children under the faithful preaching of the gospel, for it is God’s normal means to save.