

## **Jesus Our Sole Mediator** **By Greg Rangel**

Throughout the book of Romans Paul deals with many of the essential doctrines that we as Christians must know. For example, from Romans chapter 1 through Romans chapter 3 Paul deals with the depravity of man. That doctrine teaches that man is totally depraved and cannot save himself through any means of his own. Man needs the grace of God in order to be saved. Therefore from the second half of Romans 3 through Romans chapter 5 Paul shows how man, through the grace of God, is justified solely through what Christ has done.

Justification is better explained as “just like if it never happened.” In Romans 5 Paul shows how we are saved, how we are given life, how we have peace with God through Jesus. Jesus is our sole Mediator between us and God. No one else can mediate between God and man but Jesus, regardless of what religious man might say.

Notice how Scripture speaks only about Christ: “*Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ*” (Romans 5:1). “*...in due time Christ died for the ungodly*” (Romans 5:6). “*...while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us*” (Romans 5:8). “*...being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him*” (Romans 5:9b). “*...we were reconciled by the death of his Son...we shall be saved by his life*” (Romans 5:10b). “*...but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement*” (Romans 5:11b).

Throughout the rest of the chapter Paul brings in the example of Adam and says that how that in Adam and through Adam we all died and how that sin and death entered through, and condemned all humanity. For example, Romans 5:12 says, “*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.*” But the contrast to Adam and to death is none other than Jesus Christ Himself, through whom we have life. For example, Romans 5:17 says, “*For if by one man’s offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.*”

Whenever and wherever the Bible speaks about eternal life, the Scriptures mention Jesus Christ. The Bible does not exalt anyone else’s name; it does not say that we have life in any other, it speaks against praying to anyone else, regardless of whom man might say it might be.

A prime example of this truth is found in the following verses; “*...much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ...*” (Romans 5:15b). “*...and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ*” (Romans 5:17b). “*...so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous*” (Romans 5:19). “*...even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord*” (Romans 5:21).

So, did you catch all of the above? Answer the following questions honestly in your heart. According to Scripture who is our only Mediator between God and man? According to Scripture, our justification and forgiveness is through whom? Who is the one that died for us? Did anyone else die for us and pay the penalty of our sin? Can anyone else be our mediator between God and man? What is the name that you came up with to those questions? If you said Jesus, then you are on the right path, that is if you have truly believed in Christ as the Bible says that you must believe (Romans 10).

Peter said in Acts 4:12, *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”* And Paul wrote in 1 Timothy 2:5, *“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”*

So what are you doing wasting your time in praying to other “names?” It is not biblical! It is only dead religious tradition that you learned from your parents. It is only through Jesus ALONE and no one else.

Perhaps the above has caused you to begin to question your religious beliefs. If it did, that is good because belief must be based on what the Bible says, and not on what man might say.

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