

## **Jesus Our Sole Mediator IV**

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As we continue with the topic that Jesus Christ has been placed by God the Father as the only Mediator between God and men, we have to come to the realization that this topic goes against organized religion.

Since sin entered into the world, man has always tried to reach heaven on his own merits but unfortunately he has never been able to. In the midst of much confusion and error, man has allowed himself to trust in the works of his own hands. This is proven by the fact that man has established other mediators in whom they have trusted to mediate between God and men. But only because sinful man believes that his actions are true and just does not mean that they are though. God has already established standards through the Scriptures through which sinful man can approach Him and worship Him (see Acts 4:12, also John 14:6, 1 Tim. 2:5). Those standards are only through the work that Jesus Christ did on the cross. Jesus shed His blood so that sinful man can be forgiven from his sins and made right with God.

But once again, I know that the above goes against the beliefs of many readers who actually believe that this is my own personal opinion. Due to that you have expressed your “opinions,” not on the matter, but on my person. It is for that reason that I will now allow God to speak for Himself on this topic. So if you still have a problem with what He says, please address it with Him and stop commenting things against me.

*“Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them: And then the LORD’S wrath be kindled against you...”* (Deut. 11:16- 17a). *“Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save”* (Isaiah 45:18). *“Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood”* (Acts 15:20). *“As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one”* (1 Cor. 8:4). *“What say I then? That the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord’s table, and of the table of devils”* (1 Cor. 10:19-20). *“Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led”* (1 Cor. 12:2). *“And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people”* (2 Cor. 6:16). *“For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God”* (1 Thess. 1:9). *“Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen”* (1 John 5:21, see Exodus 20:4, Leviticus 26:1, Deut. 4:15-18, 28, 7:25, Psalm 115, Isaiah 42:8, Jeremiah 10:5, Acts 17:22-31, Rev. 2:14, 9:20).

There must come a time in our life where we need to compare what we believe spiritually with what the Bible says. That is done only by faithfully reading the Bible and the Bible alone. If we want spiritual truth, we must study the Scriptures. How else are we going to know about God? If we want to know the truth about some individual, and if that individual has his biography, why look to some other source? God's biography is the Bible. So therefore we ought to study it. Why believe in God if we are not willing to study about Him through His Word? Let us not listen to what sinful man has to say.

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