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God ...

... 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. [1 Timothy 2:4-6]

For there is one God

This is where everything begins, with God, and it is an imperative that we come to a correct understanding of this transcendent, high and lofty One, the Creator and Sustainer of the universe wherein His eternal purpose is being worked out. He is a God of majestic glory and unfathomable grace, of absolute holiness, righteous in His actions, eternal in His existence and immutable in His decrees. He is the God of mercy and truth, that God to whom all men are ultimately responsible and personally accountable, the one true and living God who has revealed Himself to His creatures throughout the centuries of time and yet whom mankind chooses to ignore and persuade themselves does not exist.

This is the God of the Bible who has manifested Himself as three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, mutually one in essence and purpose yet distinct in being. These are the Persons of the Godhead that desire the eternal good of mankind, that distinct creature upon the earth, made in their image and likeness.

Observation of the world around surely teaches us something of the power and wisdom of this majestic God, His perpetual goodness and faithfulness toward His creatures, His power and His divinity, His forbearance and longsuffering set against our sin and rebellion, our foolishness and ignorance.

And one Mediator between God and men,

We learn by this statement, a number of truths, that are repeated so frequently in the Bible, such is their importance:

- That there is enmity between God and all mankind that prevents harmony and communion. Man is the guilty party and the one in need of reconciliation
- That the bridging across this enmity can only be accomplished by the activity of a mediator, one who acts on behalf of God and man. No other approach is possible
- That there are judicial aspects involved in this mediation. There are no grounds for compromise

The Man Christ Jesus;

The work of a mediator is no mean task especially when the issues are so immense, when failure to accomplish would have such dire consequences, particularly upon those at fault. It takes dedication, ability and courage to work through the details, and requires an individual who can answer to both parties especially when the terms of reconciliation must be established on a righteous basis such that conditions of peace may be perpetual and not fragile. The Person and work undertaken therefore is important for success. Fallen mankind is powerless to act for himself.

The One now presented as being fully suited to be that mediator is the Man, Christ Jesus. Those who take the time to read their Bibles will soon discover that this Man now set before us is the theme and substance of its pages: it breathes Christ from Genesis before His birth through to Revelation where He is presented as the final victor over the dominions of men. There is so much that could be said about this unique Man yet such little space to declare it, the One in whom is hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge!

The Bible enlightens us that Christ Jesus is “God manifest in the flesh”, the eternal Son, yet who became a true Man without a trace of Adam’s sin within Him. This becomes obvious if one reads the Gospel records and note the manner of Man He was; selfless, without pride or arrogance, pure and gentle, having power and authority to raise the dead and expel disease. This was all necessary before the eye of the Father to prove His fitness for that which really provided the basis for His mediation for mankind ...

Who gave Himself a ransom for all,

A price was necessary to establish the grounds of reconciliation and it was the Mediator who paid that price Himself! A sacrifice was necessary to deal with man’s sin, His life was laid down and His precious blood shed via the shameful death on the cross to establish peace on judicial grounds. It is as it says, “***a ransom for all***” ‘on behalf of’ or in ‘the interests’ of all mankind irrespective of gender, age, race or tongue. He **GAVE** Himself: this was not being overcome by His enemies although remarkably it was by their intervention the circumstances came about as foretold. Christ loved His enemies and proved it but so few want restoration to God on this ground alone. Some do not seek restoration at all. It is not spontaneous. There is no other way, no other argument. He alone could declare that He was “***the Way, the Truth and the Life.***”

To be testified in due time

This great work of Christ’s mediation has been testified across the nations for twenty centuries. Many have heard, forsaken their sin and believed on Him to ensure their right standing before God. The Bible teaches that for an individual to stand at the bar of God in judgment day without Christ’s advocacy is folly, eternal doom: evidence of guilt is overwhelming. Yet Christ has died and been raised again for our justification. Wisdom is justified of her children!