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"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all who are in authority; so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; who desires that all men 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 as a ransom for all," (1 Timothy 2:5-6)

Mediator: from the Greek word *mesites* which means: a mediator; an arbitrator, an intermediary, a go-between, a reconciler, an intercessor, an agent of something good.

Someone who intervenes between two, either to make or restore peace and friendship, or to form a compact, or for ratifying a covenant.

From *mesos*, meaning "in the middle"

Mediator: Someone who intervenes between people in a dispute in order to bring about an agreement or reconciliation.

Thus Jesus is **the Mediator**, of the New Covenant, who mediates to restore, and guarantee the performance of reconciliation and peace between sinful people and God. Consider these scriptures:

"But Christ has come as a High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect Tabernacle, not made with hands; that is to say, not of this building; neither by the blood of goats and calves, but **by His own blood** He entered in <u>once</u> into the Holy Place (the throne room of God in Heaven), <u>having obtained eternal redemption for us</u>. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkled on the unclean (a sinner), sanctifies to the purifying of the flesh; How much more shall the blood of Christ, <u>who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God</u>, purge our conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause <u>He is the **Mediator** of the New Covenant</u>, so that by means of (His) death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, <u>those</u> who are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. (Hebrews 9:11-15)

"For Christ has not entered into the holy places made with human-hands, which are the figures of the true; but into Heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." (Hebrews 9:24)

"But this man (Jesus), because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is able also to save those to the uttermost who come to God through Him, seeing that He lives forever to make intercession for them. (Hebrews 7:24-25)

So "now He (Jesus) has obtained a more excellent ministry, in as much as He is now the **Mediator** of a Better Covenant, which was established upon better promises. (Hebrews 8:6)

"But God commends His love toward us, in that, while we were still sinners, <u>Christ died</u> for us" (Romans 5:8)

"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." Romans 5:19)

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And again:

"What shall we then say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He (the Father) not also with Him (Jesus) freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God who justfies! Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, yes rather, and who is risen again, who is even at the Right Hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:31-34-39)

"For if the <u>inheritance</u> be of the law (by the works of the law), it is no longer by a promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise. Therefore what purpose then does the law serve? <u>It was added because of transgressions</u>, until the seed (Jesus) should come <u>to whom</u> the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels by the hand of a mediator (Moses). Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one. Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid; for if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture has confined all people under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. ... For <u>we are all</u> the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For <u>as many of you</u> as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for <u>we are all</u> one in Christ Jesus. And if we are Christ's, then we are Abraham's seed, <u>and heirs according to the promise!</u>" (Galatians 3:18-29)

John the apostle wrote, "My little children, these things write I unto you, so that you do not sin. But if any man sins, we have **an Advocate** (a Mediator) with the Father, **Jesus Christ the Righteous**. And He is the Propitiation <u>for our</u> sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." (1John 2:1-2)

Finally, Christ Jesus who died for us! - spoke this word of promise to us:

"Let not <u>your</u> heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place <u>for you</u>. And if I go and prepare a place <u>for you</u>, I will come again, <u>and receive you unto Myself</u>; so that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know. But Thomas said unto Him, 'Lord, we know not where You are going; and how can we know the way?' Jesus said unto him, "<u>I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, except through me.</u>"

JESUS is ...

our Mediator

Sent by God to be the Mediator the New Covenant which has been established in and through the shed Blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of <u>our</u> sin!

Jesus is our One and only Mediator between God and men!

Thank You Lord Jesus for being my Mediator, and my Intercessor, and my Advocate between myself and my Father in Heaven – forever, and forever! Amen!