

Nevertheless, the Majesty and power of this Mediator (Whom the Father had established between Himself and us) ought not terrify us in the least, lest for that reason we would think that we ought to seek after another for ourselves, according to our own judgment. For there is, neither among heaven nor among the terrestrial creatures, one who more lovingly embraces us than Christ Himself, Who, “although He was in the form of God, emptied His very self,” and, on account of us, “was made like His brethren in all things.”

But if we had to contrive another Mediator for ourselves through seeking, who would deem us of some worth, who would love us more zealously than He Himself Who willingly abandoned His own life on our behalf when we were up to that point enemies?

Again, if another had to be sought out by us, who excels in consummate authority and power, who has ever obtained so much as He Who is seated “at the right hand of the Father,” and to Whom “all power on heaven and earth has been given”?

And finally, who shall have been heard by God more clearly than that Only-Begotten, the Elect Son of God?
(Belgic Confession, From Article 26)

***Hymn 115** “All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav’n along, O praise Him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Old Testament Reading

Job 9:28-35

Congregational Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory. Forever and ever, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 130:3-4

***Hymn 498**

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *Refrain*

Jesus! what a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my comfort, helps my soul. *Refrain*

Jesus! what a guide and keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me,
He, my pilot, hears my cry. *Refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive Him,
More than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine. *Refrain*

New Testament Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Message*"CHRIST THE MEDIATOR"****Hymn 296**

"All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name!"

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God,
Who from His altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.

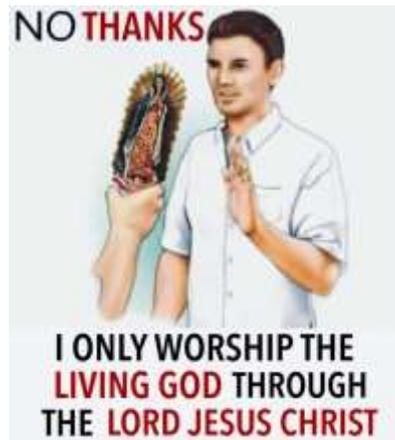
Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Go, spread your trophies at His feet,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.

***God Blesses His People**

2 Corinthians 13:14



“CHRIST THE MEDIATOR”

Job 9:28-35; 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Heb 8:6; Heb 9:15; Heb 12:24; Heb 7:26. “Jesus was crucified, not in a cathedral between two candles, but on a cross between two thieves.”

I. WHY DO WE NEED A MEDIATOR IN THE FIRST PLACE?

A. “Direct Access” Misses the Enormity of Sin

Hab 1:13; Heb 12:24

B. The OT Prepares the Way for the Final Mediator

Ex 28:2

II. HOW DOES CHRIST FULFILL THE ROLE OF A MEDIATOR?

1 Tim 2:5 (cf. Mk 10:45); 1 Tim 6:15-16; Heb 2:14-15.

A. The God-Man is the Perfect Go-Between

B. He Offers the Perfect Satisfaction and Substitution

“Penal substitution.” See next page. Isa 53:11

III. TWO PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS OF CHRIST THE MEDIATOR

A. The Believer’s Conscience is Completely Cleansed!

Heb 9:13-14. Robert Bruce of Scotland.

B. We Have Living Communion with the Mediator

John Owen on Ps 130:4

Conclusion

Penal Substitution:

- How Does *Substitution* differ from *Satisfaction*?
 - **Penal Satisfaction (Anselm):** Focusses on restoring God's *Honor* by paying the *Debt* for sin.
 - **Penal Substitution:** Focusses on assuaging God's *Wrath* by taking the *Punishment* for our sin.
- **Penal Substitution Explained:** The punishment we deserved was laid upon Jesus...thus the cross displays God's **justice** (punishing sin) and his **love** (forgiving humans).

Penal Substitution: (In Church History)

- **John Owen:**
 - Christ suffered the exact punishment that humanity deserved.
 - Uses analogy of commercial transaction.
 - "For to make satisfaction to God for our sins, it is required only that he undergo the punishment due to them; for that is the satisfaction required where sin is the debt." (*Works of John Owen*, 10:266).

You will definitely
HAVE TROUBLE SEEING THE
glory of penal substitution
IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE ADMITTING
you're a wrath-deserving
SINNER IN NEED OF
atonement.

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