

1 Timothy 2:4-7

LESSON 10

One God, One Mediator, for All

1. 1 Timothy 2:5 – One God, One Mediator

- a. *“one God”* - Remember the pagan idolatry in Ephesus, Paul’s point – Rom 3:29
- b. *“one mediator”* – there are no more priests, laity, popes, prayers to the dead, etc.
- c. The need for a mediator is evident to sinners before God – Gal 3:19-20, Deu 5:5
- d. Jesus is God in flesh, the unique fully God+fully man in one – Col 2:9; Jo 10:30, 14:9
- e. Jesus is both God and man with nothing subtracted from either – John 5:19, 30
- f. Without humanity he could not die for us; without deity he could not pay for us
 - i. God has to become man to accomplish salvation - Heb 2:14; Rom 8:3

2. 1 Timothy 2:6 – For All Men

- a. *“will have all men be saved”* – a point of controversy regarding atonement
- b. If God wills it does it happen? Apparently not always – starting with Adam.
- c. What God does is constrained by his person, purpose, people (not power-Isa 55:11)
- d. If he died for all are all necessarily saved/forgiven? No. Consider Ac 26:18, Rev 18:5
- e. Belief/faith is required; provision vs possession - Rom 3:22, 26, 4:5, 5:1
- f. Paul is describing God’s will toward all men – not how men have responded
- g. *“ransom for all”* vs. *“for many”* - Mt 20:28 including sinners of Gentiles

3. 1 Timothy 2:6-7 – Apostle of the Gentiles

- a. *“testified in due time”* – talking about his ministry of free grace to all – Ro 11:32
- b. The timing of things is important in God’s purpose - Gal 4:3-4, Titus 1:3, Rom 5:6
- c. The due time for “all” could only be when Paul was ordained (after Acts 3:19-26)
- d. The gospel of grace declared “at this time” - Rom 3:25-26, 2Tim 1:8-11
- e. Paul held the office of apostle of Gentiles (“all”) – Rom 11:13
- f. Peter, James, John, Jude were all apostles of Israel – Mt 19:28
- g. “I lie not” – because it was this point that caused uproar/disbelief – Acts 22:21
- h. Jesus Christ is not operating today as King or Judge, but as the Saviour of all men