

The Mustard Seed Advent

One Mediator

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Dear Michael,

Your question has been answered in the literature. A careful reader would know the Bible-based answer. Before giving a short answer, I quote you below:

"Hi Derek, Maybe you can explain 1 Tim. 2:5-6 for us. it says "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." It seems to me that you can not divide Christ and Jesus here. If you divide them then we have two mediators. I would suggest that everyone read Patriarchs and Prophets the chapter called "the Plan of Redemption". —Your E-mail, 20-Sep-07, 8:10AM

The very short answer is that which we are told by Paul and by Christ: they both explain that in the NT era, all prophets would prophesy in part. Such would continue because the disciples could not bear the full message. We are also told that the NT church was to be fed on milk, and when they advanced, they would be required to embrace the strong meat of the word. This strong meat would demand that they would leave the principle doctrines of Christ. The *Rod* cites these on several occasions—too bad many Davidians have sought to ignore the “every word” in the *Rod*. Yet, with the text understudy, Paul uses a classic term, Christ Jesus. He did so because the Lord prohibited any and all to disclose His hidden presence upon Jesus until the “last day”. Such being the case, how else could Paul Classify Jesus except to confuse Him with Christ. This is especially the case since, hours before Calvary, at the end of His ministry, Christ appealed to Father in prayer—a prayer recorded in *John 17* in which EGW says is most important to our salvation—to glorify Jesus. Then Christ requested that He Himself be glorified by Father’s own glory. For this reason have we, in the NT age credited Christ with being God. Then Christ said, *“And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”* Before the world was humans could not give Christ any glory; they could not recognize Him for His mighty works, they could not do as we do today and debate over His work with Israel, His work at creation, His work at Calvary, and beyond. The reason being was there were no humans before the world was. For this reason, when speaking of Jesus, we call Him Jesus, His proper name; we call Him Christ, Jesus Christ, and even God. We call Him God because Christ’s prayers have been answered: He is glorified with the majesty of Father and we confuse Jesus for Him. Therefore, in answer to the Lord’s prayer, we think Jesus to be Christ and Christ to be God; thus, we think Jesus to be God. Yet, we have not recognized Christ, because He petitioned Father to be temporarily taken out of the picture of human honor and recognition, “glory”, and that He be not recognized on earth. This petition was given to Christ to pray as was everything that He spoke during His testimony; consequently, we know that Father sanctioned and approved of this tactic. After all it was His very own strategy. This watered down understanding of the Lord, was that which Paul termed, “the Milk” or “the principles of the doctrine of Christ”, the very thing that we will be challenged to advance beyond in the last day. This is the day when David acknowledge to the World “the fullness of the doctrine of Christ”, the day when he takes the *Rod* and sees the Lord’s name, His identity. It is the day when David declares the name of the Lord.

Not withstanding this explanation, the church has lost no key theme of doctrine: about Jesus’ work. If you would take the time to read *Journey through the Murky Boggs*, you will see and

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understand that the work of Jesus has not changed from our traditional teachings. He is still our mediator; He is the One who presides over the gentile churches. Revelations shows that the seven churches are the seven stars in His hands therefore, He is the One to whom we have rightly prayed to yesterday. He has power to answer your prayers and petition in your behalf before the Father. This is His work, the work of Jesus. We know that it cannot be the work of Christ because, in His very prayer, He proclaimed that His work was done. As your quote from Paul cited above proves, the work of Jesus had just begun. Christ said,

“Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son (Jesus), that thy Son (Jesus) may glorify thee...I (Christ) have glorified thee on the earth (for the past 4000 years): I (Christ) have FINISHED the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was” —John 17: 1-5

It may appear that the MSC is wrestling over the minutia of the Scriptures in a needless and overly stressed way. It is not so doing; instead, it is living by every word which has proceeded out of the mouth of God just as commanded. This is the very care which the SOP has likewise mandated:

“The Lord calls for men of genuine faith and sound minds, men who recognize the distinction between the true and the false. Each one should be on his guard, studying and practicing the lessons given in the seventeenth chapter of John, and preserving a living faith in the truth for this time. We need that self-control which will enable us to bring our habits into harmony with the prayer of Christ. The instruction given me by One of authority is that we are to learn to answer the prayer recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John. We are to make this prayer our first study. Every gospel minister, every medical missionary, is to learn the science of this prayer. My brethren and sisters, I ask you to heed these words and to bring to your study a calm, humble, contrite spirit, and the healthy energies of a mind under the control of God. Those who fail to learn the lessons contained in this prayer are in danger of making one-sided developments, which no future training will ever fully correct.” —EGW, Testimony for the Church, V 8, p 239.2

Have you learned the science of that prayer, if so, only then are you able to become a gospel minister and take the *Rod* message to the 144,000 and beyond. If not and unless you change today, you have made a “one-sided” investigation of Christ which no future training will ever correct.

Sincerely,

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