

## October 23rd – Savior and Mediator

*“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.” (1 Timothy 2:3-5)*

These power-packed verses tell us a great deal about the God who loves us and saves us. Paul says that God is our Savior – He is the One who saves us from a hopeless life on this earth and eternal torment in hell. Through faith in Jesus we can be totally set free! Notice that God is no respecter of persons – He “desires all men to be saved.” There are some who teach that God only desires to save an elect few. This verse proves that God wants to save every man, woman, and child in this world.

Paul then explains that there is only one God. Statements like this don’t make unbelievers very happy. Some religions teach that there are millions of gods. Some would call us narrow-minded for believing there is only one God. People believe what they will, but the Bible is very clear that there is only one God (Deut. 6:4) who exists eternally as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19). Any other concept of God originates with Satan who wants to take as many people to hell as possible.

Not only is there one God, but there is only one Mediator between God and men. A mediator is someone who intervenes between two disagreeing parties to try and find a solution. The fact is that our sin made us an enemy of God from birth. Sadly, we can’t do anything to reconcile our relationship with God. When Jesus saw that we were hopeless and helpless, He stepped in to bridge the gap between us and God through His death, burial, and resurrection. For that reason, He alone is the Savior and Mediator for sinners like you and me. Through Him only, we can now have peace with God.