

# Jesus is our Mediator

**Scripture:** 1 Timothy 2:5 *“For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,”*

## **Introduction:**

How many of you like watching Perry Mason? For those of you that might not know, Perry Mason was a lawyer in a television show and in every episode you would see how he figured out the truth and presented it in court in such a way as to always win.

Our own legal system is very interesting to me and I like watching court TV and other discovery shows about how our legal system works.

I am always fascinated by those folks that think they can represent themselves and when they get before the judge they end up making fools of themselves because they don't completely understand the law or even how the judge makes decision.... and they always end up losing.

But isn't that what our culture tells us to do? You don't need any help, because needing help is weakness. Stand up for yourself, Get tough!

Interestingly enough, it seems that the person who demands to represent themselves are usually the ones who are guilty and have something to hide.

## **Transitional Statement:**

Church, spiritually speaking, I have to wonder why we spend so much time trying to defend ourselves. I, along with many other Christians have tried time and time again to approach life on my own terms...and time and time again failed.

I watch year after year as Christians turn away from God's appointed counsel (Christ) to try and defend themselves and live life on their own terms.

Today I want to remind you that when the final day is gone, when the clouds are rolled back as a scroll, you will be headed for the courtroom of God and depending on how you have approached life on this earth....you will have representation before God or you will be on your own.

**Lesson: Let's talk about that final day.**

## I. God's heavenly court.

### A. Everybody will be there

1. Moses, Frank Sinatra, Tom Brokaw, Charles Manson, ....your family members who have died before you .....and you!
2. We will all be changed from the fleshly to the spiritual....1 Cor 15:51
  - a. So we will be in a spiritual sense not a fleshly one.
3. But we will all stand before God.
  - a. Romans 14:10 “..For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

### B. No one will be able to hide...

1. There isn't a place where you can go that God can't find you.
2. You won't be able to pull a Jonah, and run from God.
3. You won't be given more time

### C. There in the presence of God atheists will cease to exist

1. Philippians 2:10-11 “so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
2. All these highly educated evolutionist ...will find real truth!
  - a. Surprise
  - b. Followed immediately by dread in their hearts.
3. Believers on the other hand, there in the courtroom of God, will be filled with all Joy
4. And finally the respect and honor God deserves will be given by all mankind

### D. Each person, will at last, meet their creator face to face

### E. And each person who has walked this old earth will have to give an account of themselves to God.

1. Romans 14:12 “So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God.”
  - a. For every unrepentant sin
  - b. For every careless word...Matt 12:36
  - b. For every unused talent Matt 25
  - c. For every device of thought.

2. All things, even those secrets that we hold so dear....will be laid bare before God.

## **II. The wicked will have no representation before God.**

- A. They will realize first hand what Job said:

Job 9:32-33

*32 "For He is not a man as I am that I may answer Him,  
That we may go to court together.*

*33 "There is no umpire between us,  
Who may lay his hand upon us both."*

- B. The wicked will be unable to justify themselves
- C. They will not have the atonement to cover their sins
  1. Not able to pay the price because they have rejected the blood of lamb
- D. They will be alone...hopeless.....helpless....doomed!

## **III. The righteous will have Jesus to plead their case**

- A. 1 Timothy 2:5 "For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,"
- B. The righteous will not stand alone.
- C. Their help will be great.
  1. Can you imagine how good it would be if your lawyer knew the judge.....
  2. What if the judge were His dad?
- D. You see Christians have understood that there is no other way to the father except through the son (John 14:6) and have counted on it.
  1. And there at the final day....Jesus will approach God on their behalf.
- C. Oh by the way, Jesus doesn't lose cases

## **IV. God will decide each of our cases**

- A. To the Wicked.....
  1. He will say "depart from me"...I never knew you ! (Matt 7:23)
  2. The wicked will be shut out of the presence of God for eternity (2 Thess 1:6-9)

3. They will be cast into hell and outer darkness (Matt 13:41-42)

4. And peace will not darken their door anymore

**B. But for the Righteous.....**

1. They will be ushered into heaven

a. Enter in my good and faithful servant (Matt 25:23)

2. Declared to be pure and spotless washed in the blood of the lamb (Rev 7:14)

3. They will have eternal access to the throne of God.

4. Joy and peace that surpasses all understanding will fill their souls.

5. As they gather around the throne with other faithful Christians to enjoy God's company.... forever!

**V. God's decision will be final**

A. It will be Eternal

1. Talk about a reality show

B. Some raised to life ...others to condemnation (John 5:28-29)

C. There will be no recounts

D. And no second chances

E. The books will be closed and your fate sealed eternally

**Conclusion:**

During the civil war there was a man who was convicted of treason and sentenced to death. His brother found some evidence to prove his innocence and all he had to do was show it to President Lincoln and his brother would be pardoned. He went to Washington and tried to get in to see the president but the guards wouldn't let him in. He came back numerous times and finally the guards said if you come back we will have you thrown into prison. The man in great despair sat down on a park bench in a near by park and cried his heart out.

A little boy hearing his sobbing asked what the matter was. After the man explained that his brother would die if he couldn't get in to see the president, the little boy said come walk with me. They walked back to the White House and as they approached the guard the man became very fearful but they walked right past the guards. The man couldn't believe what was happening. They went inside and passed a number of officials and guards as they went down a long corridor. They came to a door and the little boy opened the door and there was Abraham Lincoln himself, the sixteenth president of the United States. The man was again fearful yet amazed. All the powers had denied him access, but this little boy had got him in. Abraham Lincoln looked down at the boy and said "*Hello son who is this that you have with you?*"