

CALL to PRAYER - any personal prayer request? Pray that the church would be faithful

1 Timothy 2:5 - Christ alone as Mediator

INTRO - I have two sermons today...but I will only deliver one of them. I was working on one, but this morning I decided it didn't feel right so I'll save that for another day. The theme is the same, but the focus is different (content). We have been talking about the revival that happened during the Protestant Reformation. Five slogans summarized the recovery of the gospel..... and today we come to the central one - CHRIST ALONE. Christ alone is the only cause of our salvation. He started it all, earned it all, paid for it all, finished is all. "Jesus paid it all to Him we owe" and only to Him we go for salvation

Today I want to focus on us going to Christ directly

- There is no middleman between the sinner and The Savior that must be engaged
 - We need to cut out the middleman if we think there is one
 - ~~Church, Pope, Priest, Pastor etc.~~
 - The sinner can go directly to Savior
 - Jesus says "Come unto Me" (Matt. 11:28)
- There is no supply chain for salvation to be dispensed
 - There is direct access to the source of salvation
 - and free flow of salvation from the source to the sinner
 - God's grace is freely given to the sinner
 - there is no impediment, hiccup or hoop to jump through
 - we go directly to Christ and Christ deals directly with us
- Everything centers on Christ and Christ Alone
 - 1 John 5:11-12

1 Timothy 2:5

- There is one God
 - There are not options for true religions
 - There is but one true and living God.
 - Is. 43:10b-11
- There is one Mediator
 - A mediator is a go-between between two parties
 - Job 9:33 Job yearned for a daysman/umpire between him & God
 - There is also only one option for getting God
 - John 14:6 only one Way and only one Mediator
- The man Christ Jesus

- Jesus is the GOD-Man
- As God He can lay His hand on God
 - As Man He can lay His hand on man.
 - Jesus is the Only Mediator, the only option, the only way
 - Christ Alone = the exclusivity of Christ
- I love the church but the church is not a mediator between God and men
 - The church does not bring God and men together - Christ does-
 - The church is not the middle-man
 - In our economy there are a lot of middlemen.
 - Products pass thru a lot of hands before they reach the consumer
 - The church is the message man - We say “go to Christ Alone”
 - We cannot hand out, dispense or distribute salvation
 - WE DO NOT DISPENSE SALVATION WE PROCLAIM SALVATION
 - I cannot give it but I can tell you who can
- We are hearing about some supply chain issues in our society
 - Products are held up from reaching the consumer
 - The church is not the supply chain for the grace of God
 - The church does not distribute the grace of God
 - Pope = the vicar of Christ (in the place of Christ)
 - The church is not the supply chain for Gods blessing
 - Come to us to get to it...NO!
 - Eph. 1:3 blessed with every spiritual blessing...in Christ
 - WE DO NOT DISPENSE GRACE WE PROCLAIM GRACE
- Jesus is the Only Savior, Mediator and Dispenser of His salvation
 - There is direct access to the source of salvation
 - Jesus is the only middle Man to get to God
 - Boldly go to the throne of Grace. (Heb. 4:16) “Come unto Me”
 - We may freely go directly to the Source
 - whoever comes He will not cast out John 6:37
 - There is also a free flow of grace directly to the sinner
- We can go directly to Christ
- Christ deals directly with us
- Everything centers on Christ Alone
 - That is the testimony 1 John 5:11-12
 - 1 Timothy 2:5