

## **MEDIATOR OF THE NEW COVENANT**

Our lesson text is introduced by two perfect indicative verbs in **Heb.8:6**.

We will examine our lesson text by dividing it by these two perfect verbs.

- **Ministry:** “**But now He** has obtained (tugchano) (perf.a.ind.3ps) a more excellent ministry (leitourgia),”
- **Mediator:** “**By as much as He** is also the mediator (mesites) of a better covenant, which has been enacted (nomotheteo) (perf.p.ind.3ps) on better (kreitton) [more useful] promises.”

<p><b>This lesson will study <u>four aspects</u> of Jesus Christ the Mediator of New Covenant.</b></p>
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### **1. A mediator (mesites) was an arbiter between two parties of whom he was accepted as reconciler.**

**Definition of a Mediator:** “The act of intervening between parties at variance for the purpose of reconciling them or between parties not necessarily hostile for the purpose of leading them into an agreement or covenant.” (ISBE, vol.3, pg.2018)

In Soteriology (the theological study of salvation), it would be the sin-barrier between a Holy God and Adamic sinful mankind (John 14:6).

(Rom.3:23) “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

(Rom.5:6) “For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.”

(Rom.5:10) “For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”

(Rom.5:12) “Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.”

(Rom.5:19) “For as through the one man’s disobedience the many were **made sinners**, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be **made righteous.**”

### **2. There are 13 judicial charges against mankind as a result of Adam’s Original Sin (AOS) that are part of the sin-barrier which separates Adamic mankind from a Holy God.**

These **13 Judicial charges of AOS** are based on the violation and consequences of (Gen.2:17) and (Rom.5:1-21)

[**Key judicial words of mankind’s spiritual condition** – ungodly, sinners, enemies, wrath, imputed, transgression, judgment, condemnation, disobedience, and sin-death]

(Rom.5:6) “For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.” (Gal.4:4)

(Rom.5:8-9) “But God demonstrates His own love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, **we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.**”

This required a Hypostatic Union [God/Man] (undiminished deity and true humanity) mediator that could appeal to both God and mankind regarding the issue of Salvation (2 Cor.5:21).

**3. Jesus Christ is the only Hypostatic Union [God/Man] mediator qualified to redeem mankind from the slave-market of sin (AOS). (1 Pet.3:9)**

(1 Tim.2:3-6) “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 also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time.” (1 John 2:2))**

(Acts 4:12) “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is **no other** name under heaven that has been given among men by which **we must be saved.**”

**4. As the Mediator of Grace Salvation, Jesus brings reconciliation and peace between a Holy God and the sinner (Rom.5:8-11; John 14:6).**

(Eph.2:13-16) “**But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.** For He Himself is **our peace**, who made both groups into one and **broke down the barrier of the dividing wall**, by abolishing In His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments continued in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace, and **might reconcile** them both in one body to God **through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.**”

(Col.1:20-22) “and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven”. And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach -

**Conclusion: The reconciled have the ministry of Reconciliation!**

(2 Cor.5:18-21) “Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, **namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them**, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

**Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ**, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.