

I Corinthians 1; Lord's Day 6

THE SUBSTITUTE REDEEMER WE NEED

- I. Who He must be.
 - A. A mediator is someone who stands between and reconciles two parties that are at odds with each other.
 - B. A deliverer or redeemer is one who buys back a slave or captive by paying the debt or the ransom.
 - C. Jesus is both Mediator and Redeemer, and thus is the Savior.
 1. He was appointed by God for this task.
 2. There is only one mediator between God and men (I Tim. 2:5; Hebrews 8:6; 9:15; 12:24).
 3. Jesus redeems us from sin, and frees us from the power of Satan, purchasing our redemption with His blood (Eph. 1:7).
- II. The Mediator and Redeemer must meet certain qualifications.
 - A. He had to be real man, for man sinned.
 - B. And He must be true God.
- III. Who alone has these qualifications? Our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - A. God sent His Son to us out of free grace (John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 5:2; I John 3:16).
 - B. Jesus met all the qualifications.
 1. He was completely human, born of a woman.
 2. He was a perfectly righteous man, free from all original and actual sin and from all sinfulness.
 3. He is God, the Second Person of the Trinity, co-equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit (I Tim. 3:16; I Jn. 5:20).
 - C. The union of the divine nature with the human nature is called the "Incarnation" (coming in flesh).
 - D. In Christ we have complete redemption and righteousness, for Christ is a complete and the all-sufficient Savior.