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CHAPTER 2
“One God and One Mediator”

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During the Civil War, there was a young soldier in the Union army, who had lost both his older brother and his father in the war

He traveled to Washington, D.C., to see President Lincoln to ask for an exemption from military service so he could go back to his family's home to help his sister and mother with the spring planting on their farm.

After receiving his furlough from the military, he arrived in Washington. Going directly to the White House, he approached the front door and asked to see the president.

He was told by the guard, "**You can't see the president son! Don't you know there's a war on? The president's a very busy man. Now go away, and Get back out there and fight the Rebs like you're supposed to.**"

Leaving very discouraged he walked just a short distance from the White House and sat for a while upon one of the park benches.

As he sat trying to decide what to do next, a little boy came up to him and asked "**Why he looked so unhappy?**"

The young soldier began to pour out his heart to this young lad about his situation. He told him about losing both his father and brother in the war, and how he was the only male left in the family that could plant and harvest the crops at their family's farm.

The little boy took the soldier by the hand and led him around to the back of the White House. They went through the back door, past the guards, past all the generals and the high ranking government officials until they got to the president's office itself.

The little boy didn't even knock on the door but just opened it and walked right in. There was President Lincoln with his secretary of state, looking over battle plans on the desk.

President Lincoln looked up and said, "**What can I do for you, Todd?**"

Todd said, "**Daddy, this soldier needs to talk to you.**"

Right then and there the soldier had his chance to plead his case before President Lincoln.

After hearing of his family's problem, president Lincoln exempted the young man from military service and allowed him to return home to take care of his family.

This is exactly what Jesus has accomplished for us. Having given His life for all of our sins, He now takes us by the hand, and walks us right into the Holy of Holies, into the very throne room of God and says, "**Daddy, there is someone who wants to talk to You.**"

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2 through whom also we have access** by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- **One of the wonderful things** that Jesus accomplished for us, is that He made it possible for anyone who believes in Him to have direct access to the throne of God.
- **Whoever you are**, whatever your need, because Jesus died for all of your sins, when you believe and accept his forgiveness, you have this direct access.
- **This morning**, you do not need a pastor to take your petition to God, you don't need a priest, or anyone else, you can "**Boldly go where no one has gone before**", so to speak.
- **Before Jesus died on the Cross**, human beings did not have direct access into God's presence.
- **Jesus made direct access** to God possible, because He permanently removed every obstacle that was formerly separating us from God.

As Paul writes to Timothy in chapter 2 this morning, he is going to explain to us further, that this same Jesus is also the ONLY WAY to make it to heaven....

- **Now if you tell people** that, "**Jesus is the only way to heaven...**" Many times they get very upset over that statement.
- **"How narrow minded and biased you Christians are"**
- **No!, Christians** did not make up this statement, the Bible claims to be the Word of God without error, and the Claim of the bible is that Jesus is the Only way to heaven.
- **The reality is, you can get as upset over this claim if you want to**, but THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THE BIBLE CLAIMS.

In just a few minutes we will get into this subject in depth, but first lets begin chapter two at verse one: Paul writes...

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2:1 Therefore I **exhort** first of all that **supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks** be made **for all men**,

Now, all 3 of these, Supplications, Prayers, and Intercessions, have to do with prayer:

- **“Supplication”**: is “A humble appeal to someone who has the power to grant the request”. When you bring your appeal to Jesus, you can have the confidence that you are being heard, and that He has the authority to answer your prayer.
- **“Prayer”**: “Communicating with God by conversation.” Very much the same thing that we do every single day with people that are in our life, we just “Talk to them”.
- **“Intercession”**: “The act of pleading on someone else’s behalf.” One of the marks that you are really growing as a believer in Jesus, is the fact that you are bringing other people before the Lord, asking Him to work in their life.
- **“Exhort”** means “To urge someone strongly and earnestly to do something.”

So Paul begins chapter 2 by exhorting, that is, Urging Timothy in the strongest terms, to himself, and to also teach the members of the church body, to offer .

1. **Humble appeals** to the Lord on behalf of others and themselves.
2. **Prayer**, a constant awareness of the presence of God in your life, so that you are talking to Him about literally everything in your life.
3. **Intercession**, Asking the Lord to help, provide for, save, and minister to those in our life.

Then in the next verse, here is where doing these things is really tested:

2:2 for **kings and all who are in authority**, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

- **Do you pray** for the leadership of the United States Government.
- **There are some churches** this morning that believe that the Government of the United States is evil and should not be prayed for.
- **Here, Gods Word says** that we are to Pray, Appeal, and Intercede on behalf of our Government leaders.
- **This is whether** you like them or not.
- **Whether you agree** with their position or not, you are to pray for them.

1 Peter 2:13-15

13 Therefore **submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake**, whether to **the king** as supreme,

14 or **to governors**, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.

15 **For this is the will of God**

- **“King” here** is the “Basileus” (Bas-il-yooce’), The foundation of Power, which would also mean “The President”.
- **This is the Will of God for the Believer in Jesus**, that you recognize that **all those who are in authority in government were placed there by Jesus, for His own good purpose**.
- **That by submitting to them**, you are submitting to Jesus, or by rejecting our Governments authority or mocking them, you are rejecting and mocking Jesus Authority.

- **No government leader got there apart from the ordaining of Jesus.**

In the Book of Daniel, king Nebuchadnezzar had begun to become full of pride believing that it was by his own power that he was the king of Babylon.

- **So, the Lord humbled him**, He cause Nebuchadnezzar to loose his mind for 7 years.
- **The once Great king** of the most powerful nation in the world was out in the fields eating grass like a Cow.

Daniel Tells Nebuchadnezzar what is going to happen to him:

Daniel 4:32

And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that **the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses.**”

- **Then, after 7 years**, Nebuchadnezzar’s mind returned to him, and he acknowledged that the Lord places Kings and rulers where he wants them to be:

33 That very hour **the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar**; he was driven from men and ate grass like oxen; his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair had grown like eagles’ feathers and his nails like birds’ claws.

34 And at the end of the time (**7 years**) I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and **my understanding returned to me**; and **I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him** who lives forever:

**For His dominion is an everlasting dominion,
And His kingdom is from generation to generation.**

35 **All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing;**

He does according to His will in the army of heaven
And among the inhabitants of the earth.

No one can restrain His hand

Or say to Him, “What have You done?”

- **We are to pray for Godly wisdom** for our Government.
- **We are to ask the Lord to guide** and direct them into Righteous Decisions.
- **We are to ask the Lord to protect** their minds from the influences of satan and his tactics.

2:3 For this **is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,**

2:4 **who desires all men to be saved** and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

- **And here we are given** the reason that we are to pray for our Government and leadership, “**Because the Lord desires that ALL MEN AND WOMEN MIGHT BE SAVED**”

- **Here is a clue** into the fact that the Lord is always trying to save every man and woman on this planet.
- **The Lord is always trying** to bring them “**To a knowledge of the truth**”, that **THERE IS:**
 1. Only One God in the Universe.
 2. That Man is by his very nature, evil, fallen, separated from God.
 3. Man does not have the capacity to make himself acceptable to God.
 4. That God loves man.
 5. That Jesus, the Creator of the Universe, came and lived here on the earth as a man for 33 1/2 years.
 6. Jesus gave up His life upon the Cross, and paid for the SIN OF EVERY PERSON THAT AS EVER BEEN BORN OF THE EARTH.
 7. That at the precise moment you accept this fact in your heart, and confess that you believe it, you are Saved, you are forgiven, you will live in heaven forever!

2:5 For **there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,**

- **Wow**, do I love this verse!
- **Contained in this one verse** is the answer to everyone of man’s questions.
 1. There is One God, not many Gods.
 2. That There is only One who is the Mediator between God and man.
 3. That only Jesus has the power to give us Forgiveness and Eternal life.
 - **A “Mediator”** is “Someone who works with both sides in a dispute in an attempt to help them reach an agreement”
 - **Here in verse 5**, THE WORD OF GOD is very clear: There is only ONE in the universe who can save us, Jesus.

Notice the Definition of what a Mediator does:

1. He works between both sides.
 2. He works concerning a Dispute.
 3. He helps them make an agreement.
- **The two sides** are God and Man.
 - **God says:** “Man is fallen in his nature, he is by nature a Sinner, unable to achieve the mark that God set for him”.

Romans 3:23

for **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:10-12

As it is written: “**There is none righteous, no, not one;**

11 There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.

12 They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one.”

- **Man says:** “I am a good person, I can do some righteous acts, therefore God should accept me.”
- **Jesus said:**

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, “**I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me**

John 8:24

Therefore I said to you that ... **if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.**”

Now, if you don't know it already, this statement here that Only Jesus can save man, and that there is only One God in the universe, is totally against the thought, opinion and understanding of most of the people on Planet Earth.

The world believes:

1. There are many gods.
2. That there are many roads to god.
3. That all of these roads to any of these gods, leads to heaven.
4. That man has the capacity to make it to heaven by working to be good.

The Bible is the only document in the universe that claims:

1. There is only One God.
2. The only road to God, is through Jesus.
3. That all other roads lead to hell.
4. That man does not have the capacity to ever make it to heaven on his own.

Now, the Bible is also unique in that it proves to you that every word in it is God's WORD, and you can trust it, by Revealed prophecy.

1. **The bible is a book that bases all of its claims** on the fact that God told us in advance, events that would happen, so that we upon examining the fulfilled prophecies of the Bible, you would know that everything in the Bible is true.
2. NOT ONE PROPHECY, NOT ONE WORD THAT GOD EVER SPOKE IN THE BIBLE EVER FAILED TO COME TRUE, EXACTLY THE WAY THE BIBLE SAYS IT WOULD COME TRUE!
3. **No other Book, or writing** can make that claim and prove it by fulfilling everything it said, by 100 percent accuracy.

4. **Give me any other book or publication in the world**, and I can show you multiple inaccuracies, multiple mistakes, and prove them to you by what they say in their own book.

This is why we teach that

- Only the Bible is the Word of God,
- Only the Bible is Reliable.
- Only Jesus has the power to save you.

The bible claims that Jesus is God, the Creator:

Colossians 1:15-17

15 Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

16 For **by Jesus all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth**, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

17 And **He is before all things**, and in Him all things consist.

Paul Called Jesus God

Titus 2:13

looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing **of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ**,

The Disciples Called Jesus God

John 20:28;

And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus is called God by the Father

Hebrews 1:5-8

5 For **to which of the angels did He ever say:**

"You are My Son,

Today I have begotten You"? And again:

"I will be to Him a Father,

And He shall be to Me a Son"?

6 But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says:

"Let all the angels of God worship Him."

7 And of the angels He says:

"Who makes His angels spirits

And His ministers a flame of fire."

8 But **to the Son He says:**

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;

A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

The reason the Jews wanted to Crucify Jesus, was because He claimed to be God

John 10:31-33

31 Then **the Jews took up stones again to stone Him.**

32 Jesus answered them, “Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?”

33 The Jews answered Him, saying, “**For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.**”

The Old Testament is full of verses that prove that long before Jesus came, the Old Testament Scriptures foretold that Jesus would be God in Human Flesh”

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. (God living with us)

122 Times in the 4 Gospels, Jesus used the Ancient Hebrew name for God in describing Himself “I AM”.

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2:5 For **there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,**

Pretty bold statement. Now, when you hear this, you have to make a decision, either you believe and accept this statement, or you reject this statement.

- **Be careful, the claim of this verse is that only if you accept Jesus sacrifice for your sins, will you go to heaven.**
- **So, if this statement is true** and you reject it, you will be lost forever.
- **So, before you reject this statement** that ONLY JESUS CAN SAVE YOU, you had better examine the claim fully and make your decision based upon FACTS.
- **Not what someone else tells you, Not based upon what I told you,** spend the time and find out for yourself.
- **The decision you make** will determine your ETERNAL LIFE!

I am always amazed that many many people will reject Jesus and the Bible, based upon what they read, or someone says, without ever having thoroughly investigated it for themselves.

- **I didn't know anything** when I first heard about Jesus, but I spent the time investigating the claims that Jesus made myself.
- **I have spend 27 years,** further investigating Jesus claims.
- **I am convinced, based on the evidence, are you?**

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2:6 (Jesus) who gave Himself **a ransom for all,** to be testified in due time,

2:7 for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle—I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

There is this doctrine that is taught today, that says that Jesus only died for those that will accept His sacrifice.

1. **The 3rd point** of the 5 points of Calvinism is “**Limited Atonement**”, it says that “Jesus only died to save those who were given to him by the Father in eternity past. All those elect will be saved, all those that Jesus did not die for will be lost”
2. **Of course, based on verse 6 here**, and many others, we reject the fact that Jesus only died for the elect.
3. **The bible is very clear**, that Jesus died for all of the sins of every person that has ever lived.

John 3:16

For **God so loved the world** that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

1 John 2:2

And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and **not for ours only but also for the whole world.**

Other verses: John 1:29, John 4:42, John 4:14

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2:8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;

Psalms 134:2

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, And bless the LORD.

- **Very often in the Old Testament** when people would pray, they would “Lift up their hands to the Lord”
 - **What are we saying** when we lift up our hand to the Lord during Worship or during prayer?
1. **It is an act of SURRENDER**, “as we lift up our hands, we are saying “Lord I just surrender to you...”
 2. **It is an act of DEDICATION**. As we lift up our hands we are saying, “Lord I just want to belong to you...”
 3. **It is an act of SEEKING**, as we lift our hands we are saying “Lord I want to behold the beauty of Your face in my life...”
 4. **It is an act of WORSHIP**, saying, “Lord you are so wonderful, I reach out my love to you, I give you the Praise, and Glory and Adoration that you alone deserve”

So you can always feel free to just lift up your hands to the Lord during worship or in those moments when we are praying to the Lord, Just feel free when you are here to lift up your hands...

...lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;

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2:9 in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,

1 Peter 3:3-5

3 Do not let your adornment be **merely outward**—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—

4 **rather let it be the hidden person of the heart**, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves

- **There is this inner beauty of a woman** who loves Jesus with all of her heart, that is above the beauty of any that I have ever seen.
- **It is a beauty that flows out from her heart**, in a very gentle and loving spirit, that can light up a room, and change the atmosphere of any circumstance into that of joy.

You see, I have first hand experience with this kind of inner beauty, for I am married to just such a woman.

- **Notice here Ladies** that this kind of beauty comes from inside, it has nothing to do with “**Fashion Statements**”, wearing the right clothes or shoes, or having the perfect makeup or jewelry.
- **This kind of beauty** flows out from the Spirit of the Woman.
- **And Ladies**, what does it say about this inner beauty, in verse 4 of 1 Peter?

“...beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, **which is very precious** in the sight of God”

1 Timothy 29-10

2:9 in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,

2:10 but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.

- **See, just simple things ladies**, simple clothing, a natural look, nothing fancy in your attire.
- **But what is most beautiful to the Lord**, and to any man who really loves Jesus also with all of his heart, is this **INNER BEAUTY OF THE SPIRIT WHO IS IN LOVE WITH JESUS, AND DEDICATED TO PLEASING HIM IN ALL THINGS.**

Well, Pastor Rob, “What about wearing makeup, is it alright for the woman of God to wear makeup?”

- **There are some ladies** who do not need any makeup, they have just a natural beauty.
- **There are some** who need just a little help,
- **And there are some** who need allot of help.

I personally do not see anything wrong with a woman who wants to use products that are available to help her look better and feel better about herself.

My feeling in regards to this, is very much the same as that of my dear teacher J. Vernon Mc Gee:

“If the Barn needs painting, then paint the barn”

But ladies, here it is very well stated, The true beauty that you should be seeking to develop, is the inner beauty of the heart...”

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2:11 Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.

There are some verses in the bible, that I just wish were not there!

- **Verses 11 and 12 are two of these, not because of what they say, but because of how they are received or interpreted, or sometimes how they are wrongly taught.**
- **During the time that Paul wrote this,** in the Synagogues where the bible was commented on, Women sat on one side of the room, and men on the other side of the room, with an isle between them.
- **Sometimes, a woman would have a question** about something that was said by the one doing the teaching and she would call out to her husband across the isle **“Hey John what did he mean by that statement...”**
- **Of course this was very disruptive,** and brought attention off the study and whatever the Lord was saying, and brought attention to the lady who had shouted across the isle to her husband.

This is one of the reasons that we believe that during the Teaching from the pulpit, we should not have outburst of comments from the body.

1. It disrupts others from learning.
2. It takes the focus off the Lord and puts in on you.
3. It makes Gods House one of Disorder.

But also, this verse ladies has to do with the fact that you are to take your authority and teaching from your husband.

- **The husband is to teach his wife the Scriptures**, you should be studying and learning yourself men, so that you can have bible studies with your wife, teaching and learning together with her.
- **The wife is also to submit herself** to the Godly leadership of her husband.
- **If a husband is truly loving** his wife the “**Way that Jesus loves His Church**”, then **he will be nurturing and meeting the physical, emotional, and Spiritual needs of his wife.**
- **Then it will be very easy for a wife** to submit to this kind of authority.

2:12 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

This verse has created a lot of controversy and discussion in the church, so I will not be commenting on it!

Just kidding of course, when we get to those places in the Bible that address all of the different issues of our life, we need to deal with them, and be very careful to only say what the Scripture says.

1. **Very important** to understand that **the only thing that this verse prohibits a woman from doing is Taking authority over and teaching a man.**
2. A woman can Witness to a man.
3. A Woman can Teach other Women and Children.
4. A woman can Pray for and encourage men.

The Only case that is prohibited here is that a Woman, as commanded by God, should not take authority over or teach a man.

- **Of course we believe** that this means that a Woman cannot be a pastor or a minister.
- **A woman being a pastor** would put her in the position of “**Taking authority over and teaching a man.**”
- **Now, let me say**, there are some wonderful women teachers, I for one can receive from them.
- **But if we want to be biblical**, and we do, we must follow this scripture, it is clear, and not really open for debate.

Now if you are like me and have an inquisitive mind, you probably want to know why the Lord say to do this?

I am probably going to get in a whole lot more trouble, but here goes...

2:13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

- **The indication here seems to be** that because a Woman has a much gentler and tender spirit than a man, also along with this kind of a spirit is a greater trusting spirit also.

- **Now A beautiful trusting Spirit** is one that I think is truly precious, but again, along with this trusting heart, also leaves open the possibility to be deceived.

When Woman was first created, the world was perfect, and no one would ever have to worry about taking advantage of this trusting spirit.

- **Unfortunately, satan studies us**, looks for our weaknesses, and he knew about Eve's very trusting spirit and he took advantage of it, and she was deceived.

Today, we live in a fallen world where people will deceive you to get your last meal.

- **For this reason**, the Lord put into place certain safety measures, one being that Man is to be the Spiritual Leader.
- **Men are to be the Ministers**, Men are to teach other men.

So I don't know if that helps, or even explains why this Scripture is here, but there it is..

2:15 Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

Ladies, you have what I consider to be one of the most awesome privileges in the world.

- **The ability to produce new life!**
- **Now as a man, I understand why** The Lord did not give the man the privilege of having children to a man

Ladies can you see a man there in labor in the hospital for 24 hours trying to deliver a baby out of his body?

HE WOULD HAVE TO BE PLACED IN A STRAIGHT JACKET AND GAGGED.

Sorry men, you just couldn't handle it.

The guys are all saying "THANK YOU LORD"

LETS, PRAY!

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