

1. Our all-wise holy God had already determined the end of all things before He set creation in motion (Isaiah 46:10; Acts 15:18).

He always knew man's final destination.

He knew because He made the determination.

This truth upsets many, both Christian and non.

Many complain that by denying Christ's mediation to a significant portion of mankind, they don't stand a chance to be saved.

This, in the minds of many, is quite unfair and injurious to the (alleged) inherent love of God for all mankind.

For how can it be said God loves those whom He willfully denied Christ's mediation?

Unless one embraces the truth that salvation is owed no man, that it flows only from the free grace of God, it becomes apparent that many are angry with the doctrines of sovereign grace because they confuse justice with grace.

In their minds grace is owed all men, or it should at least be offered to all men.

Yet they cannot deny knowledge of the way of salvation was given only to the Jews, at which time innumerable generations of Gentiles died in their sins (John 4:22).

It is only in relatively recent times the Gospel has been sent

worldwide.

It has always been the contention of this writer, along with the testimony of innumerable Christians through the centuries, that the world so loved by God (John 3:16) is the same world Christ was commissioned and sent to save (John 3:17).

The Father gives His Son as Savior to those He loves and, in turn, gives to His Son those He loves with the express intent He save them.

The giving of the Son to those chosen and loved by the Father is coterminous/coextensive with those given to Christ for His efficacious mediation.

And Christ loses none (John 17).

This truth is yet further proof those for whom Christ is Mediator will be saved to the uttermost.

Those for whom Christ does *not* mediate will never be saved.

It is not God's eternal will of purpose they be given merciful saving grace (Romans 9:15).

Rather, it *is* His will they be judged in righteousness for their sins which they willfully committed.

It is right and good that sin is judged.

By judging sin in righteousness, God injures no one, nor does He deny His love of righteousness when justice is served.

Those for whom Christ graciously mediates are called His Church, His sheep, His friends, His people, His body, His bride, His own.

They are those for whom He died, giving His life a ransom accepted by the Father.

**God was not ignorant of all the graces necessary to effect reconciliation with sinners.**

**Either God predetermined to give certain men (that He loved) all the means necessary to actually attain sweet fellowship with Him or He did not.**

**If not, to what was the purpose, since effecting reconciliation was the end to which Christ was sent?**

The rational reader must ask himself, 'To what purpose was the sending of His beloved Son as Mediator to undergo an excruciating torturous death, if not for the actual procuring and applying of all the means necessary to effect reconciliation?'

Sadly, there are innumerable serious, sober and sincere Christians who believe their saving faith was *their* doing.

In fact, many go so far as to say God has endowed all men with the free will to either receive or reject the gift of Christ.

Thus, faith is man's gift to God, they argue. To man be the glory.

Unfortunately, when viewed in the context of the whole counsel of God, it becomes quite apparent man's will is enmity with God's will (Romans 8:7-8), unless peace is made through the effectual mediation of Christ (Romans 5:1).

In order to effectuate peace, the first and foremost means necessary to achieve that end is the gift of faith.

And that gift is God's to give since Christ's death and resurrection are the foundational causes of all spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3).

I ask the reader, Is there anyone who dares claim that our Lord and Savior did not merit the gift of faith for His Elect?

On what basis is it possible Christ did not merit faith for the Elect?

Was His person, as God-man, of infinite worth, not valuable enough to merit acquiring faith?

Was His sinless life lived in perfect obedience to the will of the Father not righteous enough to merit acquiring faith?

Is Christ's intercession insufficient to send the Holy Spirit, the efficacious Spirit of Truth, without whom it is impossible to receive and believe the truth? (John 16:7, 13-14).

And since the world cannot receive the Spirit of Truth (John 14:17), how is it possible to believe the truth unless the very faith to believe the truth is freely and effectually given?

**CONCLUSION:** God the Father was never ignorant of man's

natural contempt for spiritual truth which places him in a state of constant rebellion.

That rebellion was evidenced in the Garden and passed to all of Adam's progeny.

Christ would be a feckless Savior and Mediator had He not merited the acquisition and efficacious application of all graces necessary to procure real and everlasting peace between God and men.

But Christ is no feckless Savior and Mediator, for by perfectly finishing the work given Him by the Father, He has merited exaltation and glorification, the Father giving Him a name which is above every name; That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**NEXT:** Christ our Surety.

