

"The Man Christ Jesus"

1 Timothy 2:5-7

Sermon Notes

- He's the One who truly is 'large & in charge'.
- What is a mediator?
- "the man Christ Jesus"
- Only the elect will respond and be saved.
- It took a graphic encounter!
- He knows God is doing something...
- He escapes the city!
- The enormity of taking the gospel to the Gentile world.
- Paul took his assignment very seriously.

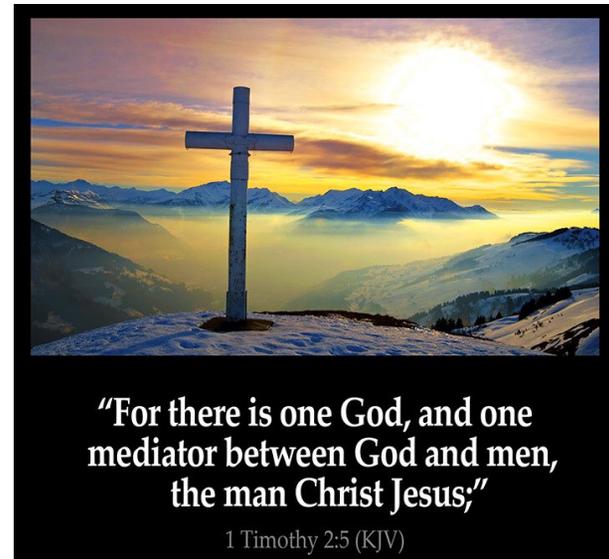
Next Sunday: "Rules of the Road" part one 1 Tim.2: 8-11



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Our mission is to point people toward
living an abundant life in Christ.



**"For there is one God, and one
mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus;"**

1 Timothy 2:5 (KJV)

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Thoughts from Josh

Beef or chicken? American or Import? Republican or Democrat? Pro-Life or Pro Choice? Life comes with a lot of either-or approaches. Some of them are preferences, and others have a serious impact on how you view the world and understand others. Luckily for us, all we need is Jesus and there's nothing else we need to worry about, right? If only. Even in the realm of Christianity, we find lots of divisions in beliefs. For instance, infant baptism or believers' baptism? Eternal security or losing salvation? There are topics that each person on their perspective side knows they hold the correct view. I guess no matter what, we're all right in our own eyes.

But there are varying degrees of differing views that can stir up emotions and get people heated. One being Complementarianism or Egalitarianism. We'll walk through that minefield in a couple weeks. For now, I want to think about another often-overlooked division. The Reformed tradition or Wesleyan tradition views on soteriology, or salvation. Specifically as it pertains to "predestined" or "free will." Volumes have been written over the years, so I doubt a couple hundred words will do justice. So here, I will say that I'm not convinced that our understanding can be summed up so easily.

There are passages that speak of divine election, yes. Paul speaks of election a lot. For instance, Romans 8:29 says, "For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son." This speaks to God's foreknowledge and will. One approach is that God chose by name exactly who would be saved, our predestination and election. It's a perspective that God's sovereignty is such that what God wills, it shall be so, no questions. But then there are verses from last week that hint at a couple things we might consider also.

1 Timothy 2:3b-4 says "...God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." I would argue that His desire and will are the same. So are we to pray for all people, or just all people who God wants saved? I think it's the former. Predestination and election are clearly proclaimed. But so is God's desire for all people. Are the two mutually exclusive, or in God's infinitude, might it not be as easy for us to understand? That solves nothing, but it's something to think about.



A.L.C.

Annual

Business Meeting Tonight!

The A.L.C. Annual Business Meeting will be tonight, **October 19th** beginning at **7:00**. All are encouraged to attend the meeting, but only those who are members over the age of 18 are eligible to vote. The new Building Committee will be introduced.

Pot Luck Next Sunday

October is flying by, and we'll have our monthly Pot Luck on October 26th. We hope you can stay after church and join us.

Snack Sign-Ups for October

If you are willing to fill one or more of the openings for October, please sign the snack sign-up sheet on the table by the front door.

Moving Forward Focused Prayers

Please continue to keep your eyes and ears open as we wait and pray in hope for the church home God will lead us to next. Pray also that people will keep up with the financial commitments they have made to the Moving Forward campaign so we can respond with an offer when we are led to the next opportunity. God's power is at work in ALC. He is in the details as well as the "big stuff."