

**How Can a Being Mediate with Himself?
(1 Tim 2:5, Gal 3:20, 1 John 2:1,22)**

Let's read 1 Tim 2:5:

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*For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,
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Now let's have a look at it in the wider context:

1 Tim 2:1-7

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, 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.

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Let's look at 1 Tim 2:3 more closely:

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Yes indeed God is our Saviour. We know that Jesus is our Saviour (John 3:16) so this clearly shows Jesus is God. We find that stated elsewhere in scripture as well:

2 Peter 1:1-2

To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

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So we know that Jesus is God. How many gods are there?

Isa 44:8

Is there a God besides Me? Indeed there is no other Rock; I know not one."

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So Jesus is the one true God. Yet we know that there is God the father and the Holy Spirit who are also God, thus we have the three persons of the trinity. Being separate persons of the trinity, Jesus is able to mediate between God and man, and further he is uniquely qualified

having walked with us on the earth as the Son of Man and the Son of God:

Heb 4:14-16

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 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.

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This is more than enough to make the point, but let's yet look at the other two verses:

Gal 3:20-22

Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one. 21 Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law.

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This verse simply emphasizes what has already been said and further emphasizes that there is only one God.

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

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Again, this just emphasizes Jesus' role as our high priest and advocate.

1 John 2:22

Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

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An interesting verse. It is not clear why the questioner added this to this question, but when one denies that Jesus is God, they are indeed denying the true God, and indeed denying the one true God which includes the Father and the Son as two persons. In so doing, anyone who denies Jesus is God or denies the Father and the Son are God is said to be of the "antichrist".

This is a warning that we dare not ignore.

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