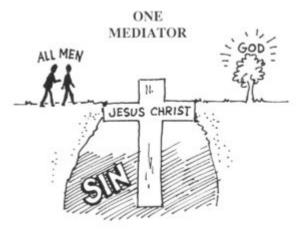
"There is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all"-1 Timothy 2:5,6 NIV

"Mediator. One who represents God to humans and humans to God-and who removes all alienation between them by offering himself as a ransom for 'all'"-NIV Study Bible footnote

The Bible says that Jesus Christ is the mediator BETWEEN God and mankind. Trinitarians claim that Jesus is God, and their "God-man" also. How do they explain this apparent contradiction?



Jesus is the Mediator between God and mankind. Yet, Trinitarians claim Jesus is also God, and call him "God-man." Trinitarians say: "Jesus MUST be God in order to be our mediator."

This is the crux of their argument. Trinitarians equivocate by changing the meaning of mediator, since Jesus being the mediator BETWEEN humans and God (1 Timothy 2:5) presents a problem with their Trinity doctrine. (2 Corinthians 10:3-4)

By definition, a mediator is neither of the two parties for whom he mediates. The two parties discussed here are the "one God" and "mankind". The "one mediator" between these two parties is "Christ Jesus". The foundation of their argument against the plain truth of 1 Timothy 2:5, therefore, rests on a bogus premise. Thus, their entire argument fails.

"Jesus answered, 'I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"—John 14:6 NIV Since no one can approach God directly, but must go through Jesus the mediator, which means that it is impossible for Jesus to be God.

Further presenting a problem for the Trinity doctrine is the fact, that, rather than identifying Jesus as 'God', as Trinitarians would have us believe, 1 Timothy 2:5 identifies the mediator as "THE MAN, CHRIST JESUS" (NASB), not God. The Bible tells us that "God is not a man" (Numbers 23:19).

Because this scripture presents such a problem for their doctrine, Trinitarians use a multitude of words and Trinitarian clichés in their attempts to intimidate those who criticize, and in their efforts to prop up their Trinity doctrine.

Trinitarian defense of their Trinity idol "depends on human tradition," and double talk, "rather than on Christ" (Colossians 2:8 NIV), and the simple, straightforward words of the Bible itself (2 Timothy 3:16,17; 1 Thessalonians 5:21; 1 Corinthians 4:6).

Their argument that Jesus must be God to be the mediator between God and humanity is self-defeating since the definition of mediator is "one who interposes between two parties at variance to reconcile; an intermediary agent or go-between." Let's now look at what the Bible actually says, as opposed to mere assertions based on false assumptions.

"God gave his law through angels to Moses, who was the mediator between God and the people. Now a mediator is helpful if more than one party must reach an agreement. But God, who is one, did not use a mediator when he gave his promise to Abraham." (Galatians 3:19-20 NLT) Moses obviously was not Almighty God, but was obviously the mediator of the Law Covenant, as he represented God and the people of Israel. If the Trinitarian argument was true, Moses would have to be God to mediate the Old Covenant between God and the ancient nation of Israel

"For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

(1 Timothy 2:5 NASB) Notice that Jesus is not referred to as being God, but "the man," whose position is between God and humans.

"But now Jesus, our High Priest, has been given a ministry that is far superior to the old priesthood, for he is the one who mediates for us a far better covenant with God, based on better promises." (Hebrews 8:6 NLT) Notice that Jesus is our High Priest who mediates for us with God. "Every high priest is a man chosen to represent other people in their dealings with God" (Hebrews 5:1 NLT). This means it is impossible for Jesus to be God.

"Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. That is why he is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people." (Hebrews 9:14-15 NLT) The Bible here clearly says Jesus qualifies as mediator because "he offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins" - not because he is God, but because "he never sinned" (1 Peter 2:22 NLT). In fact, "Yahweh . . . God . . . never dies" (Habakkuk 1:12 NJB), and Jesus said he "was dead" (Revelation 1:18), so he could not be God. Jesus was the "perfect sacrifice for our sins," which is shown to be "why he is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people." This is why Jesus also cannot be part of the "people" for whom he mediates the new covenant with God.

Likewise, "Christ did not honor himself by assuming he could become High Priest. No, he was chosen by God" (Hebrews 5:5 NLT). Jesus, being "chosen by **God"** as **"High Priest,"** means Jesus could not be God.

"You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people." (Hebrews 12:24 NLT) It is obviously impossible for Jesus to be God because he is mediating between the two parties at variance, namely, God and humans.

Some of the scriptures Trinitarians quote to assert that Jesus is God, namely, Matthew 11:27; Hebrew 1:3; Philippians 2:5-8; Colossians 1:19-20; and Colossians 2:9 not only do not say that Jesus is God, they make it clear that he is the Son of God.

"In the beginning was the Word, and **the Word was with God**, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God... And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth... No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the **Father**, He has explained Him" (John 1:1, 2, 14, 18 NASB). Notice in the bolded phrases the scriptures makes clear that Jesus and his Father, Almighty God, are entirely separate and distinct individuals, and Jesus is not Almighty God. How is this shown? Jesus was "with God" in heaven, he "became flesh" on earth, and people "saw" him (John 1:1,2,14 NKJV) - but "no one has ever seen God" (1 John 4:12 NIV). Notice also that he is not only called "God" in verse 1, but he is called "God" in verse 18 as well. However, verse 18 adds the qualifier "the only begotten," which means the same as it does in John 3:16 that he is the "only begotten Son" of God (NKJV). Therefore, he was created. He has not always existed, whereas Almighty God has (Psalm 90:2). Also, in **John 1:1** the first "God" is qualified by "the" and the second "God" is not. Thus, we read, "Was God: lack of a definite article with God in Greek signifies predication rather than identification" (NAB **footnote on John 1:1).** So, Jesus is godlike, but is not Almighty God.

Trinitarians have so overblown the words "the Word was God" that people believe Jesus is Almighty God, without question. As Hitler said, "a lie repeated often enough will eventually be believed as truth." It is easy to prove to a reasonable person that Jesus is not Almighty God when we consider the Bible as a whole, the way God wants us to. Don't they know that Moses is also called "God" in the Bible?

"The LORD said to Moses: 'See I make you as God to Pharaoh" (Exodus 7:1 **NASB).** In this verse, Moses is called "God," but no one would call Moses "Almighty God." It is in this sense, that is, as powerful one, that Jesus is called "God" in John 1.

The Bible sometimes refers to powerful humans as being God or gods, as in Psalm 82:6. Jesus referred to this fact so that no one would think that he claimed to be Almighty God.

"The Scriptures cannot be discredited. So if God calls people gods (and they are the people to whom he gave the Scriptures), why do you say that I'm dishonoring God because I said, 'I'm the Son of God'?" (John 10:35-36 GWT)

The Bible thoroughly disproves the assertion that Jesus must be God Almighty to be our mediator.

Trinitarians ask: "If he did not share God's Nature, how could he bring us to God and God to us?"

And the Biblical answer is...

"Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. THAT IS WHY HE IS THE ONE WHO MEDIATES a new covenant between God and people" (Hebrews 9:14,15 NLT).

Trinitarians claim: "And this Divine Word became flesh, our true and Perfect Mediator, the man Jesus Christ, who is God and man at once."

This is a contradiction. The Bible says that when Jesus was on earth he was "fully human in every way" (Hebrews 2:17 NIV), and "God is not human" (Numbers 23:19 NIV). So he could not be both 'God and man at once'. The mediator cannot be one of either of the two parties being mediated, as Trinitarians claim here. This Trinitarian tactic changes the definition of mediator, in contradiction to the scriptures.

"Now a mediator is not for one party only; whereas God is only one" (Galatians 3:20 NASB). There are three parties involved in the New Covenant relationship:

- 1. God
- 2. The mediator, Jesus Christ
- 3. Christians

This Bible truth stands in stark contrast with the Trinitarian claim that Jesus is two of the three parties involved in the New Covenant relationship. This Trinitarian assertion is both unscriptural, and utter nonsense.