

Christ's religion. The ambassadors of human mould have the faculty of narrowing men's minds, partyizing, and fracturing society into sects; but the ordained Twelve ennobled men, extract the carnality from them, fashion them after a spiritual and large-sized pattern, and unite them in one holy family.

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THE MEDIATORSHIP OF CHRIST.

For the Christian Banner.

We have three words in the scriptures, Mediator, Intercessor, (intercession implies intercessor,) and Advocate which are prophetically or historically applied to Christ; (It is evident that Isaiah and John refer to Christ,) of similar import. But when applied to Christ, are they expressive of the same official acts, in behalf of the same persons while in the same relations? This is important to a correct faith, and perhaps to a right practice. Paul says Gal. 3: 20, "Now a mediator is not a mediator of one; (party;) but God is one" (of the parties.) A mediator is one that interposes between parties at variance for the purpose of reconciling them. Paul again says, 1st Tim. 2: 5, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." These statements imply 1st, That Jesus is mediator; 2nd, That God is one party, and man the other; 3d, And that the mediation of Christ was in the divine wisdom somehow necessary to a reconciliation. Both text and context go to show that the race of human kind were embraced in the designs of Christ's mediation: "One mediator between God and men." "I exhort therefore, that first of all, supplications, &c. be made for *all men*." "Who will have *all men* to be saved." "Who gave himself a ransom for *all*," &c. 1st Tim. 2 chap. I conclude that the mediation of Christ is not in behalf of men individually and therefore perpetual; but that it was confined to a definite period, and consisted in certain grand transactions. Much of the design of this article leads on this point. It is evident that no effect can precede its cause, and Paul says, "If the blood of bulls &c., satisfied to the purifying of the flesh; How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is mediator of the new testament;" (testament