

Dear Darryl,

Thank you for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. You wanted to know whether 1 Timothy 2:5 teaches that Jesus will mediate the new covenant during the Millennial Age as a man or as a divine being.

“For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time.” (1 Timothy 2:5-6)

We believe “the man Christ Jesus” in verse 5 refers to the anointed (Christ) redeemer (Jesus) who finished giving himself at Calvary. Our Lord was a perfect man. At his baptism he gave up his life rights (everlasting life on earth) so that he could pay the ransom price in order to redeem the entire world of mankind. He fulfilled his mission as “a man.” Because of his great sacrifice, God rewarded him with a divine immortal spirit nature, second only to that of God himself. “Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth [those who are asleep in death], and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.” (Philippians 2:9-11)

Although Jesus, the man, paid the ransom, mediation for the world has not yet begun and cannot begin until Jesus’ Church, the 144,000 faithful Christians (our Lord’s Bride, also referred to as our Lord’s body), has been completed and glorified. Once the Church is complete and the “marriage” of Jesus and his bride has taken place, The Christ, with Jesus as head and his “body” (the Church), will mediate the new covenant from heaven.

“This new government [will be] spiritually-based and [is] pictured in “the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven” (Revelation 21:2). This government is centered in Christ and his church as that great priesthood after the order of Melchisedec (Hebrews 5:6, 8-10). That priesthood, like Melchisedec, will rule as a theocracy, serving as both priests and kings, being responsible for man’s religious and civil affairs (Revelation 1:6; 5:10). At the beginning of the kingdom, the blood of Christ, representing the merit of his ransom sacrifice, will be applied to release the entire human family from Adamic condemnation and seal the new covenant (Matthew 26:28; Romans 5:18,19). This will transfer mankind to The Christ, which will then serve as man’s mediator (Hebrews 12:24). The Christ will use the thousand-year kingdom to lead everyone up a way of holiness to perfection, and back into harmony with God (Isaiah 35:8).

“The spiritual government of Christ’s kingdom will have earthly representatives. These are often referred to as ancient worthies, Old Testament individuals whose faith and obedience to God had been proven prior to the death of Christ (see Hebrews 11:4-38).

They will be “princes in all the earth” and will be utilized by Christ and the church to communicate “the word of the LORD from Jerusalem” (Psalm 45:16; Isaiah 2:3). These individuals, such as Abel, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Joseph, Moses, Rahab, and others mentioned by the apostle in Hebrews 11, will use the instructions from the members of The Christ and their personal experience to teach the character of God and the principles of truth and righteousness to all mankind.” (From an article in THE HERALD of Christ’s Kingdom, Sept./Oct. 2008, “Christ’s Kingdom” by Ernie Kuenzli)

Does 1 Timothy 2:5 teach that Jesus will mediate the new covenant as a man or as a divine being? Looking at all of the above information from the scriptures, we believe there is ample evidence that Jesus as well as his Church, will mediate the new covenant as divine beings and will not revert to their previous human condition.

We hope we have answered your question. Be sure to sign up for CQ Rewind at [www.christianquestions.net](http://www.christianquestions.net). The service is free without obligation and will provide you with scriptural perspective on many questions and topics.

Sincerely,

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