

True worship embraces the whole world.

'May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.'

Psalm 67

Paul's Priority

'I urge, then, first of all...petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving...

for all people (1 Timothy 2:1,4,5,6)...**Gentiles'** (7).

*'that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God our Savior who **wants all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth.**'* (1 Tim 2:2-4)

Paul contrasts 'all people' (4) and 'one God' (5). There is one way to know the '**one God our Savior'** (3) through the '**one Mediator'** (5).

The Father seeks true worshippers who worship him 'in spirit and in truth'
John 4:21

The One True God calls us to lift up our arms in worship so that the world will believe in his Son -the Savior - Jesus Christ.

**Not everyone without exception
Everyone without distinction.
People must come to the truth.**

Biblical Faith

'This is the way. Walk in it'
(Isaiah 30:21)

The way of Jesus begins when we have renounced all other ways.

How can mere mortals prove their innocence before God?...He is not a mere mortal like me that I might answer him, that we might confront each other in court. If only there were someone to mediate between us, someone to bring us together...to remove God's rod from me so that his terror would frighten me no more.' (Job 9:14-35)

We need a mediator - a go between - a defense lawyer. He is '**the man Christ Jesus'**

Being truly human, Jesus shared our moral responsibility before God as creatures made in his image. As the second Man and the last Adam he went over every point in which the first Adam and all his children failed, and made them perfect again, obeying his Father, thus breaking the power of sin and reversing death itself.' (James Krieg)

He '**gave himself as a ransom'** (6) '**instead of and behalf of'** - to free us from the slave market of sin and death. His perfect life and death is the ransom payment for our sin.

'Even now my witness is in heaven; my advocate is on high. My intercessor is my friend...on behalf of a man he pleads with God as a man pleads with for his friend.'

Job 16:19-21

6-7 'And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle - I am telling the truth, I am not lying - and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles.'

PROCLAIM THIS TRUTH TO ALL PEOPLE