

THE MEDIATOR

THREE DAYS ONLY AFTER THE CRUCIFIXION, IN THE PRESENCE OF MANY WHO HAD WITNESSED THE SCENES OF JERUSALEM AND CALVARY, PETER BOLDLY STATED THAT "YOU CRUCIFIED JESUS CHRIST, THE NAZARENE, AND GOD RAISED HIM UP FROM THE DEAD... HE IS THAT STONE, REJECTED BY YOU, THE BUILDERS, AND THAT HAS BECOME THE CHIEF STONE AT THE CORNER. SALVATION IS NOT TO BE FOUND ELSEWHERE: THIS ALONE OF ALL NAMES UNDER HEAVEN HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO MEN, AS THE ONE BY WHICH WE MUST NEEDS BE SAVED! IT IS GOD'S WILL THAT ALL MEN SHOULD "BE SAVED AND COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH;" BUT, FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS, WHICH IS MAN'S FINAL DESTINY, THERE EXIST BUT A SINGLE PLAN: "FOR THERE IS ONE GOD AND THERE IS ONE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MAN, CHRIST JESUS, HIMSELF MAN, WHO GAVE HIMSELF A RANSOM FOR ALL, ἀντίλυτρον ὑπὲρ πάντων. WE ARE GOING TO ⁸~~X~~BUILD OUR RELIGIOUS PERFECTION IN GENERAL AND IN PARTICULAR THIS SPIRITUAL RENOVATION ON CHRIST, AS THE CORNERSTONE.

THE WORD MEDIATION MAY BE USED AS SYNONYMOUS WITH REDEMPTION, ALTHOUGH THE IMPLICATIONS ARE DISTINCT. BY MEDIATION IS MEANT AN ACTION, WHICH SERVES TO REUNITE OR RECONCILE TWO ALIEN OR OPPOSING OBJECTS OR POWERS. WHEN IT IS USED OF CHRIST, IT MEANS THAT HE, THE GOD - MAN, WAS ABLE TO RECONCILE MEN WITH GOD. HOW HE DID THIS, IS EXPRESSED BY THE WORD REDEMPTION BETTER THAN BY MEDIATION, FOR MEDIATION MIGHT SUGGEST THAT CHRIST WAS A KIND OF INTERMEDIARY IN NATURE, HALF-WAY BETWEEN THE DIVINE AND THE HUMAN. REDEMPTION BRINGS OUT THE MEANING: CHRIST, WHO IS FULLY DIVINE AS WELL AS FULLY HUMAN, AND THEREFORE NOT AN INTERMEDIARY FILLING UP A GAP, CAN PERFORM SOME ACTION WHICH WILL CREATE A FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN GOD AND MAN.