Hebrews 2; Lord's Day 6

THE MEDIATOR, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

- 1. What He must be.
 - 1. Deliverance from our sins and miseries comes from the "Mediator."
 - 2. Our Mediator/Substitute must be a perfectly righteous human.
 - 1. First, He must have the same human nature all sinners have (Hebrews 2:14-17).
 - 2. Second, He must be perfectly righteous, without any corruption or any actual sin.
 - 3. And our Mediator must be very God.
- 2. God Himself provided the "one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (I Tim. 2:5).
 - 1. The Mediator is provided by God Himself, not by us, nor by a joint effort of God and man (cf. Gen. 15).
 - 2. Jesus Christ met the qualification to be this Mediator.
 - 1. God the Son took upon Himself our flesh and blood (born of a human Mary) and of the seed of Abraham (14,15).
 - 2. This man had to be free from Adam's original sin, so He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, not by a sinful man.
 - 3. And He is "true God," being God the Son (I Tim. 3:16; I John 5:20).
 - 3. The union of Jesus' divine and human natures of Jesus is called the "incarnation" (coming in flesh).
- 3. We know about this divinely-provided Mediator from the gospel (good news).
 - 1. The gospel is from God, announced by God, and realized by God.
 - 2. Today we have the gospel fully revealed to us in Jesus Christ (cf. Heb. 1:1-3a).
 - 3. The proper response to the gospel is to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as our only Savior and Lord.
 - 1. Search the Scriptures, study them, follow their direction, learn their truths, and see the Mediator/Savior in them.
 - 2. Constantly put yourself and your children under the faithful preaching of the gospel, for it is God's normal means to save.