

The Representative Man

A covenant is between two parties, and each party has its representative. Mankind had no one who could truly fulfill the role for us. Job cried out for such a one.

Read Job 9:32,33

The Divine Representative

The Gospel is the announcement that God has provided this Man. He is the Mediator of the new covenant. Mediator in the Greek literally means “a go-between”....one who goes between two parties to bring peace.

Read 1 Timothy 2:5 and 1 John 2:1 and Hebrews 8:6, 9:5 and 12:24

Another word that belongs to this family of words is “intercessor” which means to go or pass between; to act between parties with a view to reconciliation.

The word also means “one who acts as a guarantee” so as to secure something which otherwise could not be obtained. Jesus is our guarantor of the better covenant, guaranteeing its terms for His people....we are no a ‘people’ just like all the other ‘ites’...Christians.

Read Isaiah 49:8-13

The first thing we must understand is that the new covenant is not made with us as individuals. It is a covenant between God the Father with God the Son. The Father guarantees the divine side of the covenant, and the Son guarantees the human side having taken our humanity as us and for us. It becomes our individually as we believe on the Lord Jesus and are joined to Him. The new covenant is out of our hands and beyond our ability to break; it is guaranteed by the Triune God and, therefore is unconditional and unbreakable.

Jesus made the covenant solely as us and for us. He is the representative Man of the new covenant. There are no more seats at the table for anyone to step in and make their own covenant with God. You are either ‘in Adam’ or ‘in Christ’.

Read John 1:18

The word “explained” literally means to exegete or interpret; Jesus is God explaining God to the human race.

Qualifications

To represent us Jesus had to be a man. If he came as a new kind of created being, then he would start his own race of which we would have no part. He had to be fully human, a brother to us all.

In order to represent us, He must be totally free from the virus of sin that Adam infected the race with. A representative who had his own sin to deal with could not take the place of anyone else. This is the reason for the virgin birth.

Also, He would have to know temptation and be able to resist it. For the first time in the history of creation, a human said no to Satan. Jesus said no to Satan and in Him we said yes to the Father.

It Is Finished

Read Mark 15:39-44 and John 19:30

Jesus did not die by crucifixion. He did not die at anyone's hand. He deliberately chose to die, the willing sacrifice for sin, freely choosing to join us in our death.