

A banner with a background of a wooden desk, a green book, a keyboard, and a yellow notepad. The text "Catechism: Foundations of the Faith" is written in a dark green, serif font on a light yellow rectangular background.

# Catechism: Foundations of the Faith

## Jesus Christ - The Only Redeemer and Mediator

### Key idea:

Question 25: Who is the Redeemer and Mediator, the perfectly righteous God-Man?

The only Redeemer and Mediator between God and humanity is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal Son of God who became human for us and for our salvation.

### Key text:

1 Timothy 2:5–7

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all men — the testimony given in its proper time.

<sup>7</sup> 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.

### Key points:

1. Because of our sin, we need a Redeemer and Mediator between us and God.
2. Scripture clearly teaches that Jesus is the ONLY Redeemer and Mediator between God and humanity.
3. Jesus is the ONLY Redeemer and Mediator because He is the only Person who can meet all of the requirements to serve as Redeemer and Mediator:
  - a. He must be truly and fully Human so that He can fulfill our obligations and pay for our sin.
  - b. He must be Perfectly Righteous, without sin, so that His obedience and sacrifice will be acceptable to God.
  - c. He must be truly and fully God so that His obedience and suffering would be of infinite value, He would be able to bear the full wrath of God against sin, and overcome Satan and death.
4. Jesus is the ONLY Mediator for believers as well - no other human stands between us and God; we all have equal access to God through Jesus!

### **Questions for discussion/application:**

1. Note: this is BRCC Catechism Question 25. It is the last of five questions in our catechism dealing with how Jesus is our Redeemer and Mediator. For a full study of this topic, refer to Questions 21-25 in the [Study edition of our Catechism](#).
2. What part of Sunday's text and teaching stood out most to me? Why?
3. As I read through the question and answer (see the theme above), what is my initial response? What stands out to me the most in this answer?
4. How can we claim that Jesus is the only Redeemer and Mediator? What about other great religious figures and teachers? Why can't they serve as Mediators?
5. Why isn't it narrow and bigoted to say that Jesus is the only way to God and that all other ways that promise to take us to God are false?
6. Why does our culture find the claim that Jesus is the ONLY way to God so offensive? What presuppositions does our culture embrace that lead it to reject the exclusive claims of Christ?
7. Have I ever thought of other Christians as having special access to God that I don't have? Why would I think this? How does this undermine Jesus' unique place as the only Mediator?
8. What practical steps can I take to help me pray more consistently for others to embrace the Gospel?
9. Can I think of any concerns I have that hold a bigger place in my heart and mind than the cause of the Gospel? How can I change this?
10. Can I think of someone specific I can pray for to come to Christ? Can I pray for opportunities to tell them about Christ?
11. Who will I call to encourage this week? What specific members of BRCC will I commit before God to pray for and call?

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