

Mediate Theology: A Balanced View of Salvation Truth

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Mediate Theology is a middle ground view of salvation doctrine developed inductively from the study of Scripture. It is a distinct, cohesive, and viable system that stands on its own integrity, intermediate between the two opposing views of God's sovereignty versus man's free will.

While affirming **God's initiative in salvation**, **Mediate Theology** recognizes **God's demand for man's response** as a condition of salvation. This view avoids compromising the doctrine of justification by faith alone. Mediate Theology recognizes the essential place of the convicting work of the Holy Spirit wrought mediately. Mediate Theology avoids the confusion of salvation by works. It is the sound way for the believer to experience the full assurance of security in Christ.

In common with **Calvinism**, Mediate Theology holds to an essentially Augustinian view of the total depravity of man (properly defined), some limited or particular dimensions of the sacrifice of Christ, the substitutionary nature of Christ's death, and the eternal security of the truly born-again believer.

In common with **Arminianism**, Mediate Theology holds to some universal dimensions of the death of Christ (without becoming universalist), to election conditioned upon faith, and to the rejection of the concept of irresistible grace.

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12 Supporting Propositions of Mediate Theology	
1.	God limited the exercise of His sovereignty by creating moral beings and delegating authority to them.
2.	Since the fall did not erase God's image, depravity does not mean total inability to respond to God's salvation message.
3.	Although Christ's death is particularly effective for individual believers, it is potentially available to all humanity.
4.	The conviction of the Spirit mediately prepares sinners for faith.
5.	God's calling to salvation is not irresistible.
6.	The new birth is conditioned on repentant faith.
7.	Repentant faith is the only condition for salvation.
8.	Right standing and new birth are conditioned on repentant faith alone, apart from works.
9.	Election/ foreordination are based upon foreknowledge.
10.	True believers are eternally secure in Christ.
11.	Christ's discipleship teachings are a challenge to believers, not the way of salvation.
12.	Christ charged us to proclaim salvation on God's terms.

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“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).