

The Attackers: Review: Roman Boots, Chancellorsville, & Paul's First Imprisonment in Rome; Boots Are for Presenting the Gospel of Reconciliation; Unbelievers & God Are at Enmity with Each Other; Jesus Is the Qualified Mediator; Eph 6:15

20. The imputation of Adam's original sin and the presence of the sin nature cause every person to be born physically alive but spiritually dead.
21. The resultant relationship between God and every child that is born into this world is one of enmity.
22. Enmity has a couple of synonyms that perfectly describe the attitude of the two personalities in conflict. On the part of the unbeliever, there is antipathy a "desire to avoid or reject" God.
23. On the part of God, there is antagonism: actively expressed opposition and hostility in the form of judgment. This clash of temperaments establishes an intractable dispute that cannot be resolved without decisive action taken by both parties in the dispute.
24. The legal definition of "mediation" is "a method of settling disputes outside of a court setting; the imposition of a neutral third party to act as a link between the parties."¹
25. This requires a mediator to act on behalf of both parties. Jesus Christ in His true humanity represents the human race as Adam was created, that is, in status quo perfection.
26. Jesus Christ in His undiminished deity represents the integrity of God and the eternal perfection of His being.
27. By means of Jesus, God has provided the fulfillment of the messianic passages of the Old Testament. Those who have faith alone in Messiah alone will have the barrier that separates them removed as well as the prevailing enmity.
28. God provides the solution in Jesus; man accepts the solution in grace. In theological terms, God is propitiated and man is reconciled.

¹ Steven H. Gifis, *Dictionary of Legal Terms*, 3d ed. (New York: Barron's Educational Series, 1998), 295.