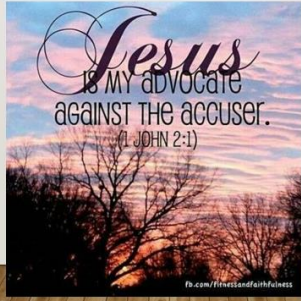


“JESUS, ON BEHALF OF US”

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1 John 2:1



1 JOHN 2:1 (a paraphrase)

My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. NLT

JOHN USES THIS ILLUSTRATION...

- As he continues to speak on the topic of sin and that we are sinners.

- He moves now from (1:5-10) a more general level “if we say” to a more personal direct address: “my little children.”
- Jesus used it in John 13:33.
- John here uses it probably because of his age as a term of endearment – and 8 other times 2:12,13,18,28; 3:7,18; 4:4; 5:3

JOHN GIVES HELPFUL INSTRUCTIONS, THEOLOGICAL TEACHING, ABOUT SIN AND FORGIVENESS:

I. DON'T SIN (2:1)

- A. Seems like a strange statement
- B. What John is talking about

He may be concerned about 2 things:

1. The reality of...*sin* ... So why bother?
2. As a Christian I have liberties... So I can do...

SO JOHN WRITES: “that you sin not” **DON'T SIN!**

II. WE HAVE AN ADVOCATE

- A. Since we do sin, we struggle with sin

παρακλητον

- Used in John's gospel translated: “**helper**,” or “**comforter**,” “**counselor**” or “**advocate**,” referring to the ministry, support of the Holy Spirit to believers!
 - 14:16 - And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another **comforter**, that he may abide with you for ever;
 - 14:26 - But the Comforter (**counselor, advocate**), which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things,...
 - 16:7 - ...For if I do not go away, the Counselor (**advocate, helper**), will not come to you...
- Here (1 John) it further means “**the one who lends his voice in our defense**”

- B. Christ who speaks on our behalf – παρακλητον

CONCLUSION:

- Jesus is your advocate!
- Are you in total submission to Him?
- Christ came and died for you! He comes to your defense!
- Galatians 4:3-6
- Ephesians 1:6-7