# Jesus our Righteous Advocate



## 1 John 2:1-2

#### Sin a crime against God..

- John 3:4 Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. (KJV sin is the transgression of the law).
  - Universal problem .. Rom 3:23
  - Punishment is severe .. Rom 6:23 James 1:15

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#### The Role of Advocate

- "Advocate" (para kletos)
  - "Called beside" called to one's side
  - Used in court .. a legal assistant, counsel for the defense, advocate
  - 5 times in NT (four refer to Holy Spirit)

#### **Christ our Perfect Advocate ..**

 By virtue of His identity..

 Jesus (salvation) Christ (Messiah) Matt 1:21; 16:13-18; Luke 4:16-21
 Righteous (upright, just, innocent) Rom 3:10; Psa 14:1-4; Luke 23:47

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- Result: Jesus provides Atonement
  - John 2:2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the world.
  - Hilasmos: expiation whereby sin is covered and remitted .. 1 John 4:10

#### Is Jesus Christ your Advocate?

# AN ADVOCATE WITH THE FATHER

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