

Christ, Our Advocate

- Opening Scripture: I John 2:1-2
 - “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.”
- What is sin?
 - Greek: to miss the mark (and so not share in the prize), i.e. (figuratively) to err, especially (morally) to sin;--for your faults, offend, trespass, sin
 - “...to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin” (James 4:17)
 - a “transgression of the law” (I John 3:4)
 - “all unrighteousness” (I John 5:17)
 - whatever is “not of faith” (Romans 14:23)
 - list of sins (Mark 7:20-23, Romans 1:28-32)
- What are the effects of sin?
 - all are born under sin (Galatians 3:22, Romans 3:9-12, 23)
 - the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:20-21, 23)
 - sin and servitude (John 8:34, 36, Romans 6:16-20)
- When are we charged for sin?
 - when we know better (Romans 5:13, James 4:17)
 - sin must be repented of (Acts 3:19, Luke 24:46-47, Mark 1:4)
 - forgiveness comes through Jesus (Colossians 1:13-14, Acts 13:37-39, 26:15-18, Ephesians 1:6-7)
- Why did Christ come into the world?
 - to take away the sins of the world (John 1:29, Matthew 1:21, I John 1:7)
 - the significance of the sacrifice and blood of Christ (I John 1:7, Hebrews 9:11-14, 9:22, 10:1-12)
 - Christ, the propitiation (atonement; an expiator; propitiate- to reconcile/placate/win over) for our sins (I John 4:9-10, Romans 3:24-26, I John 2:1-2)
- What does this mean for us?
 - Christ forgives and cleanses us from sin (Matthew 12:31, I John 1:7)
 - we become dead to sin at salvation (Romans 6:11)
 - Jesus gave commands not to sin (John 5:14, 8:10-11)
 - if we love Christ, we will keep His commandments (John 14:15)
 - there is therefore no condemnation within salvation (Romans 8:1)
 - but, Christ is willing to forgive our sin *if* we should fall into it (I John 2:1-2)
 - however, He should not be taken advantage of as our advocate