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### **The Sinner's Advocate - I John 2:1**

Brothers are nice to have around, especially if you are the younger one and have a bully about to pull your ears off. I never had a brother in the flesh. What I did have was four sisters who, while at times would have pulled my ears off themselves, would take up for me. They are still like that even though age has come upon us all. As fate would have it, I never needed them too much in school other than when I got sick.

We have an older brother, an **“advocate,”** who has all power, is all wise, and is all righteous. I John 2:1 says, **“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:...”**

There are several reasons why John wrote his epistles, but one reason was plainly stated in this verse, **“...that ye sin not.”** Often times as children we may have been told not to do this or not to do that, only to hear *“because I said so.”* We are admonished by John to walk godly by keeping the commandments of God. **“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous”** (I John 5:3). The flesh of man is weak and sins even after we have been born again of the Spirit of God and desire to have a zeal to sin no more. Paul said it was a law, **“I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me”** (Romans 7:21). However, when we do sin, **“we have an advocate with the Father.”** The English word **“if”** is inserted just prior to **“any man sin”** to bring attention to what we have in Jesus Christ, an **“advocate!”** Emphasis is on **“the righteous”** one, NOT on whether we will or will not sin. It is our nature to sin and we all do a good job of keeping it that way.

An **“Advocate”** is one who pleads our case. We need our **“advocate”** to be in the courtroom of God (the Father). There is nothing greater for a down trodden sinner than to know that Jesus Christ, our **“advocate,”** is making intercession for us at the very **SIDE** of God. **“It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for**

us” (Romans 8:34). We have great peace in knowing we have one who has all influence, is all righteous, is the only begotten son, pleading our sinful case. Christ has the same like mind as God, for He and the Spirit and God are one.

Isn't it comforting to understand our **“advocate”** knows how the Father thinks, what His will is concerning us, and that He thinks just like God does. That would have come in handy when we were kids as we had to face our earthly father or mother, knowing that nothing we said ever did any good. Plus, we knew we were guilty!

Verse 2 of I John chapter 2, reminds us that Christ is **“the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.”** Jesus Christ being our **“Propitiation”** means that our sins were imputed to Christ, and His righteousness was imputed to us. Don't get the idea that this means that Christ is the advocate for all the evil, corrupt, God hating slime that have ever walked this earth. The key of who the **“whole world”** of verse two encompasses is found at the beginning of the first verse. John clarifies this by saying; **“My little children”**, not the whole world of humanity. The **“whole world”** of verse two is the **“whole world”** of God's children, those He loves, those the Father gave Him (John 6:39), those He died for, those He will come back for at the Resurrection (John 6:44).

Draw comfort in knowing **“Jesus Christ the righteous”** is your **“advocate with the Father.”** It will surely bring peace to your sin sick soul. **Think About It!**

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