

In the Knowledge of HIM

Getting Reacquainted with Jesus (Ephesians 1:17)

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Jesus the Advocate

I John 2:1-2

The Advocate's PURPOSE

The Greek word for "advocate" is PARAKLETOS, which literally means "one called to stand alongside." In our modern vernacular, this is a _____. It is the advocate's job to speak to the judge on behalf of his client, supporting and defending that person and working toward a positive outcome. When we stand guilty before God of sin, it is Jesus Himself who serves as our PARAKLETOS – our Advocate – before the Father in the court of heaven.

The Advocate's PLEA

*When the accused comes before the judge, his advocate enters a plea. In order to protect us from the punishment, Jesus our Advocate has to enter a plea of "not guilty" for you and me. However, **we ARE guilty!** Therefore, if Jesus made that plea on the basis of our lives, He'd be lying. That's why He makes the appeal based on His OWN life. Take note that the Advocate is referred to as Jesus Christ the _____. As long as we are found "____," then we are covered by His holiness and His righteousness counts as our own (**Philippians 3:9**).*

The Advocate's PAYMENT

*Jesus is called the _____ for our sins in verse 2. In other words, our Advocate doesn't simply plead His own righteousness on our behalf, but He affirms to the Father that the penalty for our sin has already been paid in full – **and He's the One who paid it!** There is no "_____ " in the court of heaven; as long as I abide in Christ, I will never have to pay for sins that His shed blood has already paid for.*