



Our
advocate

1 John 1:10-22



10 If we say, “We have not sinned,” we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.



¹ My little children, I am writing you these things so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ the righteous One.



² He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world.

1. Admit our Guilt

¹⁰ If we say, “We have not sinned,” we make Him a liar,

⁸ If we say, “We have no sin,” we are deceiving ourselves,

Although the terminology in v. 8 and v. 10 are more alike than unlike, the latter statement is far more blatant and defiant.

We cannot deny our nature.

2. Let Our Advocate Help

...we have an advocate with the Father—
Jesus Christ the righteous One.

"Advocate" (*paraklēton*) means someone
who is called in to stand by the side of
another.

There is no one word that can
adequately translate *paracletos*. The
word that probably comes closest is
simply *helper*.

2. Let Our Advocate Help

- ...we have an advocate
- There is the picture of a friend called in to help a person who is troubled or distressed or confused.
- There is the picture of a commander called in to help a discouraged and dispirited army.
- There is the picture of a lawyer, an advocate called in to help a defendant who needs his case pleaded.

3. Our Punishment is Paid

² He Himself is the propitiation for our sins,

"Propitiation" (*hilasmos*) means to be a sacrifice, a covering, a satisfaction, a payment, an appeasement for sin.

It means to turn away anger or to make reconciliation between God and man.

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² He Himself is the propitiation

God accepts His death...

- as the *sacrifice* for our sins.
- as the *covering* for our sins.
- as the *satisfaction* for our sins.
- as the *payment* for the penalty of our sins.
- as the *appeasement* of His wrath against sin.



9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



God will never turn down a person who has Jesus Christ as his advocate.

Who is your advocate?