

Deeper Life Notes

Faith Comes by Hearing: “Jesus: Our High Priest and Advocate” (1 John 2:1-2)
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So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. - Romans 10:17 ESV

EFCA Statement of Faith: 4. Jesus Christ - We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man, one Person in two natures. Jesus—Israel's promised Messiah—was conceived through the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He lived a sinless life, was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father as our High Priest and Advocate.

Last Week: *Jesus, Promise Fulfilled*

Just because it's dark doesn't mean we are in the dark!

The Promise of Jesus

Begun (Genesis 3:15)

Revealed (Genesis 12:1-3)

Fulfilled (2 Samuel 7:6)

Read: 1 John 2:1-2 -

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

***JESUS IS OUR ALL-SUFFICIENT ADVOCATE**

4 LESSONS FROM A PASTOR'S HEART

1. A PASTORAL _____¹ -- “Walk the Talk”

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

- **1 John 1:5-7 ESV**

- a) God is light and brings everything into the light
- b) Walking in the light assures enjoyment of God and other believers.
- c) Lip service to God is a lying (1 John 1:6,10)

2. PASTORAL REITERATION (1 John 2:1a) -- “Don't sin!”

5 Helps in Walking the Talk

¹ REVELATION

1. Receive God's love: Terms of endearment -- "My little children"
(Jeremiah 31:3, Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:4, 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)
2. Find comfort in the Scriptures while you stay in place: "I am writing to you..."
3. Know what sin is: Insubordination to God! (1 John 3:4)
4. Take sin seriously:
 - a) Because sin insults the suffering of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:25)
 - b) Because sin implies that we have the nature of Satan (1 John 3:8)
 - c) Because sin jeopardizes our assurance of salvation (1 John 2:3-4)
 - d) Because habitual sin/insubordination has a point of no return (1 John 5:16-17)²
5. Fight sin with Scripture (1 John 2:1, 4:5-6, Romans 10:17, 1 Timothy 4:7-8)

3. PASTORAL _____³ (1 John 2:1a-2) "But... we have an advocate... Jesus Christ"

- a) Christians sin
- b) The blood of Jesus cleanses us from sin if we confess (1 John 1:9)
- c) We need not despair:
 - We have an advocate; Jesus Christ the righteous
 - Jesus is the propitiation (One that removes wrath of God) for our sins.

4. PASTORAL _____⁴ (1 John 2:2)

- a) What does propitiation mean? (John 3:36, 1 John 4:10, Revelation 14:9-11)

"Love and justice conspire to make a way for sinners to be saved." - John Piper

*Only answer = Death of Jesus Christ (1 John 1:7 Galatians 3:13 Romans 3:25)

- b) What does Christ our Advocate mean?
 - I. Christ is our Attorney:
 - II. Christ's portfolio is perfect: Good Friday = courtroom exhibit
- c) Who is the person and work of Christ for?
 - I. Offered to all (Matthew 11:28-30)
 - II. Parallel passages = Mark 10:45, John 10:15-16, 11:52, Revelation 5:9

Application: Don't keep Jesus to yourself!

² These 4 steps for taking sin seriously are from John Piper

³ REALISM

⁴ RATIONALE