

## **Deeper Life Notes**

*Faith Comes by Hearing: "Jesus: Our Advocate & Substitute" (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*

**Warm up:** Who is Jesus? -- according to Americans:

-- according to our church family:

-- according to the Bible:

### 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**.

**\*JESUS HAS OUR BACK\***

**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.*

**Review:** Three Lessons from a Pastor's Heart

1) A Pastoral REVELATION: Walk the Talk! (1 John 1:5-7)

2) A Pastoral REITERATION: Don't sin! (1 John 2:1a)

- Fear, anxiety, anger, pessimism

- 5 Helps in Walking the Talk:

*Receive God's love -- Find comfort in the Scriptures -- Know what sin is  
Take sin seriously -- Fight sin with Scripture*

**Today:**

**3) A Pastoral \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>:** Don't give up hope when you do sin.

A. Christians sin (1 John 2:1b):

B. The blood of Jesus cleanses us from sin if we confess (1 John 1:9):

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C. We need not despair (1 John 2:1b-2): A Pastoral Rationalization

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<sup>1</sup> REASSURANCE

I. We have an Advocate: “Jesus Christ, the righteous” (v.1b)

II. Jesus is the *propitiation* (One removing the wrath of God) for our sins (v.2a)

→ *This is not a license to sin, nor is it taking sin / insubordination of God lightly!*

\*Propitiation is the removal of God’s wrath toward sinners.

- *Bad News:* We all sin and are under God’s wrath --

- *Good News:* There is a way to have God’s wrath removed -- a way made by God Himself!

“This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him. This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they’ve done to our relationship with God.” - [1 John 4:9-10, The Message](#)

See also 1 John 1:9-10, John 3:36, 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, Psalm 110)

III. What does it mean for Christ to be our Advocate?

a) Christ is our Attorney!

b) Christ’s portfolio is perfect!      *Good Friday = courtroom exhibit*

D. Who is the person & 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!***