

CHRIST OUR ADVOCATE

I John 2:1-2

Introduction:

- A. Looking back on verse nine of chapter one we might be prone to say we as Christians now have a license to sin since Jesus must forgive all confessed sin.
- B. By looking at verse 10 of chapter two we might even say what is the use since I'm going to sin anyway.

I . THAT YE SIN NOT .

"These things I write unto you that ye sin not."

- 1. This is best for all.
 - A. Most regard sin rather lightly.
 - 1. Yet, sin breaks communication between Christian and God.
 - 2. Sin tears down our good influence.
 - a. Those words spoken in anger that you could wish were never said.
 - b. That juicy bit of gossip.
 - 3. Sin wrecks havoc in our lives and others.
 - a. Heartache caused by a drunken parent.
 - b. Sin of David.
 - c. Sin of Peter's denial.
 - d. Sin of our failure to tell others.
 - B. John says "That ye sin not."
 - 1. The universality of sin does not mean we can let down in our fight against it.

II . "AND IF ANY MAN SIN ."

- A. "Don't get in trouble, but if you do call me!"

- B. Sounds like a contradiction.
 - 1. John could remember hasty actions.
 - 2. The sin slipped into unaware of.
 - 3. The moment of weakness Satan caught us off guard.
 - 4. The task unfinished; the good left undone.

I I I . WE HAVE AN ADVOCATE WITH THE FATHER

- A. Advocate = he who has been or may be called to help, a pleader who comes forward in favor of and representing another.
- B. Suppose the Christian does commit sin. What then?
 - 1. Paul says once a person is justified there is a new relationship and this cannot be broken.
 - a. Romans 8:1

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

- 2. Jesus said, "No man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."
- B. Why then an Advocate?
 - 1. We need one who pleads our case.
 - 2. How can a sinful man come into the presence of an Holy God. The chasm is too great.
 - 3. For God to be just, sin must be paid for.
- C. Jesus Christ the Righteous, our Advocate.
 - 1. We cannot come on our own merits.
 - 2. In fact we would not come if it were not for the wooing of Jesus.
 - a. John 14:6

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

b. John 15:16.

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

3. I wonder if we would even seek forgiveness of sins as Christian without the convicting power of Christ?

IV. THE BASIS UPON WHICH HE PLEADS OUR CASE.

I John 2:2

"And he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world"

- A. [hilasmos] conciliation, expiation; also, all actions which have expiation for their object, as sacrifices, etc. So Christ is called hilasmos, as it is He by whom, as by a sacrifice, sin is expiated. The LXX translate [] (the covering of sin by means of sacrifice) by hilasmos
- B. Here is where I cannot understand virgin Mary's pleading.
 1. It was Jesus who died.
 2. It was Jesus who paid the penalty.
 3. He pleads our case on the basis of His death -- not our works or merit.
 4. He who plead the case of every sinner.
 - a. "Not for ours only, but the sins of the whole world."
 5. He will plead your case for your sins if your will come by faith.
 - a. Your case is lost and sentence pronounced unless you come.
 - b. How can you turn down one who took your place on Calvary.

