

The Epistles of John

Week 23: 1 John 2:1-2

Jesus' propitiation/
expiation does not
produce regeneration.
Actual salvation is
accomplished by Jesus'
sacrifice and the believer's
response of faith.

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1 John 2:1–2 (HCSB)

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.

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

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Look at the way John addresses the people in the church he is writing to: “My Little Children”

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John's next phrase is full of import:

“I am writing these things so that you will not sin”

Why did he need to say this?

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Jesus is our advocate. But what about the Holy Spirit Jesus promised in John 14

John 14:15-17 NLT

If you love me, obey my commandments.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you.

He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

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The English word advocate, based on the Latin advocatus, corresponds to the Greek word paraklētos, from which Paraclete is derived. It literally means “one called alongside (to help).” The word undoubtedly points to a legal context where one is provided counsel for defense.

Jesus is both the advocate and the atoning sacrifice. What he pleads on behalf of sinners is what he himself has done on their behalf.

Application for This Week

We are told by John that the purpose of his writing is that we should not sin.

Jesus is our lawyer, our advocate, our comforter and counselor. He stands before God on our behalf.

Jesus is the reason that God can accept us as his children: forgiven and cleansed of sin because of Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf.

Homework

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