

# Christ Our Advocate

## 1 John 2:1-6





# Walk by the Spirit

- **Galatians 5:16-17** - <sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

# Jesus – Our Advocate

- **Hebrews 4:14-16** - <sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

# Christ Our Advocate

- **1 John 1:1** - 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.

# Who Will Represent You on Judgement Day?

- **Hebrews 9:24** - <sup>24</sup> For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.
- **Hebrews 9:26(b)-28** - But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

# Jesus – The Propitiation for Our Sins

- **1 John 2:2** - <sup>2</sup> He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

# No Forgiveness of Sins without the Shedding of Blood

- **Hebrews 9:22** - Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.



# Keeping His Commandments

- **1 John 2:3** - <sup>3</sup> And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

# Keeping His Commandments

- **John 14:15** - <sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
- **1 John 5:3** - <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup> For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

# Don't Be a Liar

- **1 John 2:4** - <sup>4</sup>Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him...

# By Your Words

- **Matthew 12:36-37** - <sup>36</sup> I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, <sup>37</sup> for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”
- **Hebrews 4:12-13** - <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

# Walking With Jesus

- **1 John 2:5-6** - <sup>5</sup> but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: <sup>6</sup> whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

# Follow the Example of Jesus

- **John 13:15** - <sup>15</sup> For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.
- **1 John 4:16-17** - <sup>16</sup> So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup> By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world.

First they came for the Communists  
And I did not speak out  
Because I was not a Communist

Then they came for the Socialists  
And I did not speak out  
Because I was not a Socialist

Then they came for the trade unionists  
And I did not speak out  
Because I was not a trade unionist

Then they came for the Jews  
And I did not speak out  
Because I was not a Jew

Then they came for me  
And there was no one left  
To speak out for me

If you were put on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

