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"This then is the message which we have heard from Him (from Jesus), and declare unto you, that **God is Light**, and <u>in Him there is no darkness at all</u>. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and 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 one with another, <u>and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son</u> <u>cleanses us from all sin</u>. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. My little children, these things I write unto you, so that you may not sin; and if anyone sins, we have **an Advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous; and He is the <u>Propitiation for our sins</u>; and not for our's only, but also for (the sins of) the whole world."

Advocate: from the Greek word *parakletos* which means "called to one's side, or aid" - and is variously translated: advocate, intercessor, comforter, helper."

This use of the word Advocate is similar to the fact that the conquered peoples living and dispersed within the Roman Empire, were often unlearned in Roman law and the Roman language, and had to employ Roman Advocates in some trials before Roman courts.

Likewise, Jesus is **our Advocate** before God concerning our sin, and the sins of all people in the whole world. Jesus became <u>our Advocate</u> by becoming the **Propitiation** for our sins, as it says:

"Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one who loves is born of <u>God</u>, and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for <u>God is Love</u>. In this was manifested the Love of God towards us, in that God sent His Only Begotten Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. Herein is Love, not that we loved God, but that He Loved us, and sent <u>His Son</u> to be the <u>Propitiation</u> for our sins. (1 John 4:7-10)

Propitiation: from the Greek word *<u>hilasmos</u>* which means: propitiation.

Propitiation: To regain favor with someone <u>by doing something</u> to appease or satisfy the one offended.

The 'something' that Jesus did for us was to become the atoning sacrifice on the cross for our sins. Jesus, like those Roman Advocates, has, on our behalf, satisfied and appeased the One offended by our sins, even God, by satisfying the requirement of God's Law by becoming the atoning sacrifice on the Cross for us, and thus reconciling back to God all those who put their faith in Jesus. This Good-news is as it says:

"What shall we then say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He (the Father) who spared not His own Son (Jesus), but delivered Him up for us all (on the Cross), how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect (us)? It is God who justifies. It is Christ who died, yes rather, who has risen, who is even at the Right Hand of God, and who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the Love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For Your sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.' (see Psalm 44:22) Yet, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who Loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other created-thing, shall be able to separate us from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:31-39)

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"But now <u>the Righteousness of God</u> without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which <u>is through faith in Jesus Christ</u> for all those who believe; for there is no difference; for all have sinned, and <u>come short of **the Glory**</u> <u>of God</u>, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; whom God has set forth to be **a Propitiation through faith in His blood**, to declare His Righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; to declare, I say, at this time His Righteousness; that He might be just, and <u>the Justifier of</u> <u>those who believe in Jesus</u>." (Romans 3:22-26)

"But the law made none perfect, but the bringing in of <u>a Better Hope</u> did; by the which we draw near unto God. And since it was not without an oath that He (Jesus) was made a Priest; for those (former) priests were made without an oath; but This-One (Jesus) <u>with an oath by</u> <u>Him (God)</u> who said unto Him (Jesus), 'T*he Lord swore and will not repent, You are a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec*.' (see Psalm 110:4) By so much was Jesus made a <u>Guarantee of a Better Covenant</u>. And there truly were many priests, because they were not allowed to continue by reason of death. But <u>this Man</u> (Jesus), because He abides forever, has a Permanent Priesthood. Thus, <u>He is also able to save forever those who come unto God through Him</u>, <u>since He always lives to make intercession for them</u>. For He became such a High Priest for us, who is Holy, Innocent, Unde filed, Separate from Sinners, and made Higher than the Heavens; who does not need to daily, as those (former) high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's. For this, He (Jesus) did Once, when He offered up Himself. For the law made men high priests who have weaknesses; but <u>the Word of the Oath</u>, which came after the law, makes the Son, perfectly-complete forever." (Hebrews 7:19-28)

"For Christ has not entered into holy places made with hands, which are the copies of the true-one; <u>but into heaven itself</u>, <u>now to appear in the presence of God for us</u>. Nor yet that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters into the Holy Place every year with blood of others; for then He must have often suffered since the foundation of the world: but now <u>once</u> at the consummation of the ages has He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment; so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many; and unto those who eagerly-wait for Him, He shall appear the Second time without sin unto salvation." (Hebrews 9:24-28)

Now that Jesus has become the Propitiation for our sins; and now that He is seated at the Right Hand of God the Father interceding for us as our Advocate; He now is fulfilling His promise to be always with us even to the end of the age – as our helper, aid-giver – alongside us, and in us; please consider His own words:

"Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, unto a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw Him, <u>they worshipped Him</u>; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, '<u>All power</u> is given unto Me in Heaven and in earth. Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them <u>in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit</u>; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, Io, <u>I am with you always</u>, even unto the end of the age. Amen." (<u>Matthew 28:16-20</u>)

"And He (Jesus) said unto them, 'Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name <u>among all nations</u>, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. And, behold, <u>I send the Promise of My Father upon you</u>; but tarry you in the city of Jerusalem, **until you are endued with** <u>Power</u> (speaking of the Holy Spirit) from on high."

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It is through the Spirit of Christ Jesus, who is <u>in</u> believers, that He is always with us; even through His Holy Spirit continuing to be an Advocate for us. Please consider the following:

"If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray to the Father, and He shall give you another <u>Helper (Advocate)</u>, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him, nor knows Him. But you know Him; for **He dwells with you, <u>and shall be in you</u>**. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." (John 14:15-16-18)

"Jesus answered and said unto him, 'If a man loves me, he will keep My words; and My Father will love him, and **We** will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My sayings; and the word which you hear is not Mine, **but the Father's** who sent Me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the <u>Helper (Advocate)</u>, who is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid." (John 14:23-26-27)

"But when the <u>Helper (Advocate)</u> comes, whom <u>I will send</u> unto you from the Father, even the <u>Spirit of Truth</u>, who proceeds from the Father, <u>He shall testify of Me</u>. And you also shall bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning." (John 15:26-27)

"But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away; for if I do not go away, the <u>Helper</u> (<u>Advocate</u>) will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when He comes, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and you will see Me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but you cannot bear them now. However when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come. He shall glorify Me: for **He shall receive of Mine**, and shall show it unto you." (John 16:6-7-14)

Finally, please consider the the following;

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, **God has sent forth** <u>the Spirit of His Son</u> into your hearts, crying, <u>Abba, Father</u>. Therefore, you are no more a servant, <u>but a son (a child of</u> <u>God)</u>; and if a son, then <u>an heir of God through Christ</u>." (<u>Galatians 4:4-7</u>)

Jesus is our Advocate

He is <u>our</u> Advocate in the presence God ! He is <u>our</u> Intercessor at the Right Hand of God ! He is the Propitiation for <u>our</u> sins - for everyone who believes ! And the Spirit of Christ Jesus <u>in us</u> is <u>our</u> eternal Advocate, Helper, and Comforter !!!

Thank You Lord Jesus!

Thank You Holy Spirit for being <u>our</u> indwelling Advocate, Helper, and Comforter !!! Thank You Father for sending the Spirit of Your Son Jesus into <u>our</u> hearts

> All Praise and Glory to You Abba Father Always and Always !! ~ Amen and Amen !!