Names and Titles and Attributes of Jesus - For Kids

Advocate

"My little children, these things I write unto you, so that you may not sin; but if anyone does sin, we have <u>an Advocate</u> with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous; and He is the Propitiation for our sins; and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world." (see John 2:1-2)

An Advocate is someone who comes alongside a person – to help them when they have done something wrong. They are like a lawyer who intercedes, and defends someone before a judge in a court of law. An Advocate can also encourage and comfort a person in these situations. Likewise, Jesus is our Advocate before God concerning our sin. Jesus became our Advocate by becoming the Propitiation for our sins, as it says:

"In this was manifested **the Love of God towards us**, in that God sent <u>His Only Begotten Son</u> (Jesus) into the world, so that we might live through <u>Him</u>. This is Love, not that we loved God, <u>but that He Loved us</u>, and sent His Son to be **the Propitiation for our sins**." (see 1 John 4:9-10)

Propitiation means to regain favor with <u>someone</u> by doing **'something'** to appease or satisfy <u>that someone</u> who was offended. The '**something**' that Jesus did for us was to become the atoning sacrifice on the cross for our sins. Jesus has, on our behalf, satisfied and appeased <u>the</u> <u>**One** offended by our sins, **even God**</u>, 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. And now Jesus is always defending us, as our Advocate, before God the Father. This Good-news is as it says:

"The righteousness of God which is through faith in Jesus Christ, **is for all those who believe**; for there is no difference; for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God, 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, (through His death on the Cross)." (see Romans 3:22-26)

"What shall we then say to these things? If <u>God is for us</u>, 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, <u>who is even at the Right Hand of God</u>, and who also makes **intercession for us**. (see Romans 8:31-39)

"For Christ has not entered into holy places made with hands, which are the copies of the trueone; <u>but into heaven itself</u>, now <u>to appear in the presence of God **for us**</u>." (see Hebrews 9:24-28)

"But this Man (**Jesus**), <u>because He lives forever</u>, has a Permanent (forever) Priesthood. Thus, Jesus is also able to save forever those who come to God <u>through Him</u>, since <u>He always lives</u> to make intercession for them." (see Hebrews 7:19-28)

Jesus is our Advocate before our Father in Heaven!

Jesus always lives to make intercession for <u>us</u> ! Jesus is <u>our</u> Intercessor at the Right Hand of God ! Jesus is the Justifier for <u>every person</u> who believe in Him ! Jesus is our Better Hope through whom we draw near unto God ! Jesus is the Propitiation for <u>our</u> sins – even <u>for everyone</u> who believes ! You are <u>our</u> High Priest, who is Holy, Innocent, and Undefiled ! You are the Justifier of everyone who believes in You ! You are the Justifier of everyone who believes in You ! You always live to make intercession for <u>us</u> ! You are <u>our</u> Messiah the Righteous ! You are our Better Hope !

Thank Lord Jesus for being my Advocate in heaven! Amen!