



## **HEAVEN**

### **Week 4: If we sin...**

#### **Sermon Notes**

##### **1 John 2:1-2 CSB**

**<sup>1</sup> 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.**

**<sup>2</sup> He himself is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world.**

1. Once Saved, Always Saved.
2. Conditional Security.
3. Purgatory.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church:

- Mortal Sin.
- Unconfessed Mortal Sin.
- Perfect Contrition.

Point 1: If we sin, we have an advocate.

### "Advocate" in Greek in 1 John 2:1:

- παράκλητος (paraklētōs): "advocate," "helper," "counselor," or "comforter."
- Paraklētōs - one who is called to one's side, especially to help.

### The Role of Jesus as our Advocate:

- Intercession.

### Hebrews 7:25 CSB

Therefore, he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, since he always lives to intercede for them.

- Defense.

### Revelation 12:10 CSB

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: 'The salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have now come, because the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been thrown down.'

Fellowship may be lost, but salvation stays.

Confession is how we restore our fellowship with God.

Conclusion:

The Security of Our Salvation

John 10:27-29 CSB

My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

Romans 8:38-39 CSB

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1. Confidence in God's Promise of Salvation brings Peace.

Philippians 4:7 CSB

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

2. Security in Salvation fuels our spiritual energy and deepens our intimacy with God.

Hebrews 10:22 CSB

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water.

James 4:8a CSB

Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you...