

**Intercessor**  
Part 4  
“The Intercessor in You”

**3 Things needed to be an intercessor:**

1. Christ must live on the inside...
2. We must remain in his love...
3. We must keep his commands...

**John 17** - Jesus Praying to the Father

**13** “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. **14** I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. **15** My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. **16** They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. **17** Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. **18** As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. **19** For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

**20** “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, **21** that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. **May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.** **22** I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— **23 I in them and you in me**—so that they may be brought to complete unity.

Christianity is not that I found God...  
Christianity is that God found us...  
And that He lives inside of us...

**John 15:16**

*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit...*

None of this is our idea...

This is God's idea...

I didn't wake up one day and think I want to be a preacher...

The Lord put his hand on each one of us and said I want you...

He found us and appointed us...

First to be in him...

Then to go and bear fruit...

Our Great Intercessor Jesus got ahold of us by the Great Intercessor the Holy Spirit

His purpose was not to draw anyone into religion...

His purpose is to draw us into relationship with Himself...

This relationship we have with God is one Jesus describes in his prayer, as very close... So close that he lives in us...

Vs. 21

**May they also be in us** so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Vs. 23

**I in them and you in me**—so that they may be brought to complete unity.

- This relationship is so profound and close, that we say, God is not only with me but he is living inside of me...
- He takes up residency in our lives...

### **Romans 8:10**

But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

## **Revelation 3:20**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

## **Galatians 2:20**

**20** I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, **but Christ lives in me.** The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, **who loved me and gave himself for me.**

This verse of scripture is rich...

It reveals the amazing fellowship Paul had with the Lord...

He says:

- I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live...
- but **Christ lives in me...**
- Then Paul reveals the nature of the one who gives him life... **“who loved me and gave himself for me”**
  
- **Paul was a broken man when he met Christ...**
- **Religious, misled in his beliefs, bound to the law, hostile towards the church...**
- **He discovered he had been doing everything wrong...**
- **But because of Christ, The Apostle Paul became an incredible instrument in God’s hands...**
- **Paul became like an intercessor to so many...**
- **Everything Paul did, Christ accomplished through him...**

I believe this is true

**Intercession is - When God allows you to see what He sees and feel what He feels...**

## **Psalm 25:14**

The secret of the Lord *is* with those who fear Him,

## Psalm 24

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Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?

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He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to what is false  
and does not swear deceitfully.

- The Lord doesn't share with everyone...
- He shares what he sees and what he feels with those who are close, these are the ones he trusts...
- He shares with those who walk with him in lonely places...

**Story:** Praying for Rain in Mexico

**One of the greatest pictures of intercession in the Old Testament**

## Numbers 16

**41** The next day the whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. "You have killed the Lord's people," they said.

**42** But when the assembly gathered in opposition to Moses and Aaron and turned toward the tent of meeting, suddenly the cloud covered it and the glory of the Lord appeared. **43** Then Moses and Aaron went to the front of the tent of meeting, **44** and the Lord said to Moses, **45** "Get away from this assembly so I can put an end to them at once." And they fell facedown.

**46** Then Moses said to Aaron, "Take your censer and put incense in it, along with burning coals from the altar, and hurry to the assembly to make atonement for them. Wrath has come out from the Lord; the plague has started." **47** So Aaron did as Moses said, and ran into the midst of the assembly. The plague had already started among the people, but Aaron offered the incense and made atonement for them. **48** He stood between the living and the dead, and the plague stopped.

**49** But 14,700 people died from the plague, in addition to those who had died because of Korah.

Aaron the one in Exodus 32 who makes a golden calf as an idol for Israel, is now running with the censor into the midst of those who have grumbled and rebelled against God...

He carries the sensor with incense and burning coals from the altar...

**Coal from the altar** - represents removal of guilt and forgiveness of sin

**Incense** - Represents the sweet aroma of worship instead of the stench of sin.

**Aaron that day, stood between the living and the dead** -

Intercessors do the same thing today; they stand between the living dead and the dead, pleading for God's mercy through their prayers and actions.

David Guzik says, *"To stand **between the dead and the living** speaks of how serious the matter of prayer is. It is no casual pursuit, no fatalistic exercise in self-improvement. Prayer moves the hand of God and moves it to stop death and to give life."*

**Aaron obviously underwent a tremendous transformation to go from making golden idols to offering something holy and acceptable to God on behalf of a people who provoked God's judgment...**

How about Peter

## **Acts 2**

**38** Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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**40** With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” **41** Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

**The man who denied Jesus 3 times...**

**Is now addressing a crowd of people explaining to them the work of the Holy Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ...**

Peter goes from fearful and ineffective to leading 3000 people to Christ in one day...

How is this possible

1. Christ must live on the inside...
2. We must remain in his love...
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**Closing Song:**

**John 14:15-17, 21** ESV

**15** “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, **17** even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

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**21** Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”