



Christ Our Advocate: 1 John 2:1-6

Week 3. Sin is not the last word. Jesus is.

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Big Idea

Sin is not the last word—Jesus is



Advocate with the Father



Advocate within

CONTEXT

Series Connection

This builds directly on Week 2 (walking in the light + confession).

Builds on Week 2

Run to Advocate

Walk in obedience

SCRIPTURE

Passage (CSB)

My little children, I am writing you these things so that you may not sin

Christ as Advocate

Evidence of Faith

Walking in Him

Goal of the Christian Life: Do Not Sin (v. 1a)

John writes with tender affection
("My little children") and
pastoral hope.



Tender Affection



Pastoral Goal

Jesus: Our Advocate with the Father (vv. 1b-2)

1

Advocate (paraklētos)

One called alongside to help, defend, and plead our case.

2

Jesus Christ, Righteous

Perfectly qualified as sinless and fully accepted by the Father.

3

The Atoning Sacrifice

He fully satisfied God's justice for our sins.

4

Sufficiency of Sacrifice

His sacrifice is sufficient for the sins of the whole world.

The Holy Spirit: Our Advocate Within (John 14 & 16 Paraclete Theology)

The Holy Spirit is the Advocate within us on earth — “another Paraclete” of the same kind (John 14:16)

Heavenly Advocacy (Jesus)

Jesus acts as our Advocate in heaven with the Father, interceding for us.

Earthly Advocacy (Holy Spirit)

The Holy Spirit is 'another Paraclete' of the same kind, dwelling within us on earth to convict, comfort, guide, and empower.

Divine Partnership

We are surrounded by divine advocacy; Jesus pleads our case in heaven while the Holy Spirit works within us on earth.

From John 14

01

Presence and Indwelling

The Spirit is given by the Father at Jesus' request to be with us forever and to live in us (John 14:16-17).

02

Spirit of Truth

He is the Spirit of truth who teaches us and reminds us of Jesus' words (John 14:26).

03

Comfort and Guidance

He comforts us so we are never left as orphans (John 14:18).

From John 16 – Four Key Roles of the Paraclete



Convictor

He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:8-11). For believers, His conviction is loving and restorative.



Guide into All Truth

He guides us into truth, illuminates Scripture, and shows us things to come (John 16:12-13).



Glorifier of Jesus

He takes what belongs to Jesus and declares it to us, always making much of Christ (John 16:14).



Revealer of the Trinity

He shares the life of the Father and the Son with us (John 16:15).

Proof We Truly Know Him: Obedience (vv. 3-5)

This is how we know that we know him: if we keep his commands.



Evidence of Relationship

Keeping his commands is the clearest evidence that we truly know Him.



The Test of Truth

Claiming to know Jesus while habitually disobeying makes a person a liar, as the truth is not in them (v. 4).



The Completion of Love

Obedience is not cold rule-keeping; it is the natural outflow and completion of God's love in us (v. 5).



The Role of the Holy Spirit

The Spirit is essential: He gives new desires, writes commands on our hearts, and supplies power to obey (Ezekiel 36:26-27; Philippians 2:13).

The Ultimate Test: Walk as Jesus Walked (v. 6)

Anyone who claims to 'remain/abide' in Christ must live like Christ lived

Live Like Christ

Abiding in Christ requires living with the same holiness, love, humility, prayer, dependence on the Father, and obedience that Jesus demonstrated.

The Work of the Paraclete

Living like Jesus is not done through human willpower alone; the Holy Spirit actively reproduces the character of Jesus within the believer.

Visible Proof of Abiding

True abiding is not a passive feeling but a commitment to a life that visibly resembles the walk and actions of Jesus.

What does “walk as Jesus walked” look like?

Perfect obedience

Jesus walked in perfect obedience to the Father.

Humble love

He walked in humble love toward people.

Dependence

He walked in dependence through constant prayer.

Walking in light

Resisting sin while remaining full of grace and truth.

Christ living in us

Not trying harder, but Christ living His life through us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Application



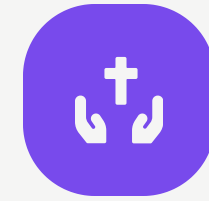
Daily Practice

When you sin, run to Jesus your Advocate in heaven. Thank Him for His atoning sacrifice. Ask the Holy Spirit to convict, comfort, and empower you to obey.



This Week

Pick one command of Jesus (e.g., love neighbor, forgive quickly, speak truthfully). Obey it intentionally “as Jesus would.”



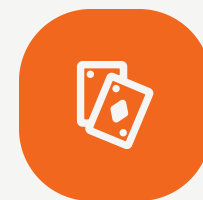
Prayer

Every morning pray: “Holy Spirit, my Advocate within, convict me where I need it, guide me into truth, and empower me to walk as Jesus walked today.”



Mental Defense

When guilt or shame attacks: Remind yourself, “I have an Advocate with the Father and the Advocate within working in me right now.”



Memorization

Carry 1 John 2:1-2 with you for instant assurance and confidence.

Preaching Transition Line

You are doubly defended — this is how true conviction produces confident, obedient living.

01

Jesus' Intercession

He is pleading your case in heaven right now.

02

The Holy Spirit's Work

He is convicting, guiding, and empowering you on earth right now.

03

Doubly Defended

True conviction produces confident, obedient living.