

UNTO US

COUNSELOR

Main Text: Isaiah 9:6-7

John 14:15-16

PARAKLETOS - COUNSELOR - HELPER, ADVOCATE, Summoned, called to one's side, esp. called to one's aid.

One who pleads another's cause before a judge, a pleader, counsel for defense, legal assistant, an advocate.

One who pleads another's cause with one, an intercessor of Christ in his exaltation at God's right hand, pleading with God the Father for the pardon of our sins.

The Aramaic word is paraqleta, which is taken from two root words: (1) praq, “to end, finish, or to save,” and (2) lyta, which means “the curse.” What a beautiful word picture, the Holy Spirit comes to end the work of the curse (of sin) in our lives and to save us from its every effect! Paraqleta means “a redeemer who ends the curse.”

As our High Priest, Jesus understands everything you and I will ever face. He can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities.

As a father has pity on his children, so the Lord has pity on us (Psalm 103:13**). He knows our frame and that we are made of dust (**Psalm 103:14**).**

Because Jesus is aware of our infirmities and limitations, He has assumed the role of our Intercessor.

As our personal Advocate, Counselor, and Attorney, Jesus pleads our case before the Father and lays claim to our lawful rights.

An advocate is a person who comes to our aid or pleads our case to a judge. Advocates offer support, strength, and counsel and intercede for us when necessary.

The Bible says that Jesus is an Advocate for those who've put their trust in Him: “My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” (1 John 2:1).

In other verses, Jesus calls the Holy Spirit our Advocate ([John 14:16](#), [26](#); [15:26](#); [16:7](#)). The English word *advocate* has been translated from the Greek word *parakleton*, which means “helper, adviser, or counselor.”

In a human court system, an advocate speaks for the rights of his or her client. We call them lawyers because they have studied the ins and outs of the law and can navigate through those often complicated statutes with accuracy and precision. That is the picture John paints when he refers to Jesus as our “advocate with the Father.” God’s righteous law pronounces us guilty on all counts.

John 14:15-16 - Holy Spirit - our Advocate

Miranda Rights - “You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law. You have a right to an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed for you.”