



Lesson 4: The Nature of Christ In Action

Chapter 8–9

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Hebrews 7:25

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

1 John 2:1

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

Introduction

1. Justification

Romans 8:33

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“It is the most counterintuitive aspect of Christianity, that we are declared right with God not once we begin to get our act together but once we collapse into honest acknowledgment that we never will.”

(pg.78, Gentle & Lowly, Ortlund)

Justification: _____

2. Intercession

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Intercession: _____

“Justification is tied to what Christ did in the past. Intercession is what he is doing in the present.” (78, Gentle & Lowly, Ortlund)

3. Advocacy

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Advocacy: _____

Advocacy frees us from:

- **Defending Ourselves**
- **Excusing Our Sin**
- **Validating Our Identity**

Conclusion

1. What is the difference between an intercessor and an advocate? Why is Christ's role as both important?
2. How do you need Christ to intercede for you today?
3. What does having an advocate in Jesus change in you? What does it change about your tomorrow?