



**JOHN'S EPISTLES**  
**"OUR HEAVENLY ADVOCATE"**  
**TEXT: 1ST JOHN 2:1-2**  
**MARCH 8TH, 2020**  
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**I. Introduction**

The reason He is our heavenly advocate today is because Jesus alone paid the price perfectly for our sins and satisfied the Father in doing so.

**II. Conscience of Sin (v. 1)**

- a. May not vs will not/cannot
  
- b. Our heavenly advocate

**III. Satisfying the Father (v. 2)**

- a. Jesus satisfies the Father while also being the payment for our sins at the same time
  
- b. Dying for the repentant

**IV. Conclusion**

When Jesus interceded before the Father, it's on the basis of his own merit as a perfect, unblemished sacrifice before God, substituting his perfect righteous life for us as sinners through his sacrificial death.



**CEFC Sermon-Based Growth Group**  
**Week: March 8th, 2020**  
**Title: "Our Heavenly Advocate"**  
**Text: 1st John 2:1-2**

**Kick Starters...**

1. What is an advocate? Have you ever been an advocate or needed an advocate? When/why?
2. How is Jesus our Advocate? What are some of the implications of that truth?

***Entertain the text***

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

***Engage the text***

4. Knowing the law helps us to recognize sin in our lives (Rom. 5:20/ Gal 3:19). How does God use that truth in our lives?
5. Look at the beginning of v. 1 together, the words, "...so that you may not sin..." and discuss the reality of that statement in your daily life. (hint: think choice here post salvation).
6. Propitiation means 'atoning sacrifice'. Jesus is BOTH the one doing the work (propitiator) and the sacrifice (propitiation) itself. He is our Advocate as well as the forgiver of our sins. Discuss: why this is a big deal? How could Jesus be both? Together, discuss what 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 5:21 says—the Requirer became the required.
7. Together, read: Ps. 7:11; Ezek. 18:4, Rom. 1:18; 1 Thess. 1:10. Why was propitiation necessary?
8. Together, read: John 10:11, 15; 17:9, 20; Rom. 8:32, 37. To what extent does Jesus' sacrifice satisfy the Father?
9. How does 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:2 give us confidence to share with a sinner, "Christ died for your sins?"

***Execute the text***

10. How is Christ interceding for your GG this week? What can you lift up to heaven through our heavenly Advocate in prayer today?