

## **An Advocate With The Father (1John 2:1-2)**

### **Exposition**

#### **John is not writing to us that we should sin (v. 1a)**

We're not to "turn the grace of our God into a license for immorality" (Jude 1:4 NIV). But when we sin...

#### **We have an *advocate* with the Father (v. 1b-2)**

Your perfect advocate would be someone who's utterly devoted in love to you, and someone who has the utter love and devotion and esteem of the judge. And that is who Jesus is.

##### **1. He's "*with the Father*" (v. 1)**

Our advocate is *with* the Father, eternally one with Him in spirit and essence and love.

##### **2. He's *the man "Jesus"* (v. 1)**

He's made like us in every way (Heb 2:16-18). Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb 4:15-16).

##### **3. He's *the "Christ," the Anointed King, the Messiah* (v. 1)**

"Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us" (Rom 8:34-35).

##### **4. He's "*the righteous*" one (v. 1)**

"The righteousness of Christ stands on our side; for God's righteousness is, in Jesus Christ, ours" (Luther).

##### **5. "*He Himself is the propitiation for our sins*" (v. 2)**

The propitiation refers to the "sin offering" (e.g. Ezekiel 44:29 LXX) and the "day of propitiation" (Lev 25:9, LXX), the day of atonement.

##### **6. He's *the propitiation of the sins "also for the whole world"* (v. 2)**

“We ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world” (John 4:42, compare John 3:16-17).

### **Conclusion**

John’s message to us is this: Do not sin. But when you do, as you will, be sure of this: great as your sin is indeed, your advocate in Jesus Christ is greater still by far. And this is the one thing you must know if you would live and die in the peace, the assurance, the joy, and the love of God.