

JESUS OUR INTERCESSOR

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Mediator: Serves to remove enmity that exists between two parties who are enemies.

- Jesus serves as mediator between an unsaved person and God the Father (1 Tim 2:5, Rom 5:10).

Intercessor: One who intervenes (comes between two persons) for the purpose of reconciling differences (to restore friendship, bring back to harmony).

- Jesus serves in this capacity between the born-again believer and God the Father.

Isaiah 53:10-12 This is the first reference in the Bible speaking (prophetically) of the Lord Jesus Christ who would make intercession for transgressors.

- Christians are transgressors (Rom 3:23, 1 John 1:8) and, therefore, need an intercessor.
- Moses stood as an example of an intercessor, standing between God and the children of Israel (type of the Church) (Deuteronomy 9:14-29).
- Satan stands before God to rightly accuse you of sin (Rev 12:10).
- The word of God will reveal your sin and transgression (Eph 5:13, Heb 4:12).
 - Thankfully, Jesus, our intercessor pleads for us (1 Jn 2:1).

Romans 5:10 We were enemies of God (past tense), but we were reconciled by the death of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Now that we ARE reconciled, we can be saved (from God's wrath when we sin) because Christ lives (to make intercession for us).

Romans 8:26-28 Jesus Christ our intercessor (vs 27) knows what the Holy Spirit (in us) is praying about on our behalf and He presents those prayers to God the Father.

- I only know that the things happening to me will work for good (vs 28).
- Jesus Christ knows what is happening and why it is happening, and He is able to effectively pray for me to the Father because He knows what I need to make me more like Him.

1 John 3:19-20 Our own heart may condemn us as we read the word of God and recognize our guilt. But because God is greater than our heart, we understand that the condemnation we are experiencing cannot send us to the Lake of Fire.

Romans 8:33-34 Who can condemn God's elect (The Devil? My own heart?). Nobody can condemn me as long as Jesus Christ is continuously making intercession for me.

- This refutes (invalidates) the idea that a saved person can lose their salvation.

Hebrews 7:25 Jesus Christ is alive today for the purpose of interceding for His saints.

John 17:13-26

The Lord Jesus Christ praying for His disciples in this chapter reveals the kinds of things He is praying for us every day.

- That we might have His joy (vs 13).
- That we will be protected from the evil in this world (vs 15).
- That the Holy Bible will sanctify us (set us apart) from the evil in this world (vs 16).
- This prayer is not just for the Lord's disciples, but for all who believe what they preach (vs 20).
- That we may be one (united), loving one another, serving together, at peace because we have like minds, causing the world to believe in Jesus (vs21).
- That we may be made perfect (vs 23).
- That we may be with Jesus Christ and behold His glory (vs 24-25).

Jesus Christ is praying to His Father that He would continue working in you to make you like Jesus Christ.

- You will find the Christian life to be very difficult if you fight against the working of God as He answers the prayers of the Lord Jesus Christ to perfect you.
 - We need to learn to pray like Jesus prays. Read the Bible, find the will of God, and pray for those things that agree with God's will.
 - Pray even when you don't know what to ask for. The Holy Spirit will pray with groanings. He knows what you need (Romans 8:26).
 - Remember that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are working together for your good.
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