

My little Children don't sin your sins are covered. 1 John 2:1-2

Intro: Court is a scary place Matt 5:25-26. It is designed for justice not mercy, rigor not leniency, disclosure & exposure not covering or comfort. Court is for recompense upon every crime, and punishing crime according to the measure of the law. You do not want to go to court. And that is only the court of men. The most terrifying experience yet to come for men is to stand before the judgment seat of almighty God. In his court there is perfect exposure and perfect justice and complete record of every act inside and out. You do not want to go to that court! There is only one way that you can make it through the day that comes upon us all, and that is to stand with the Son of God as your lawyer or legal advocate in that day. He can be your lawyer and the satisfaction of justice for your sin. My little Children don't sin your sins are covered

T: God addresses you through John as his own dear children.

1. My Little Children 1– Listen to God's Fatherly plea

- Tone –speak, beg, implore, warn , yell
- Choice of words (ἵνα, not a command, warning nor threat -yet)
- Love & kindness motivates – don't despise it **Rom 2:4**
- How to approach others (your children) (not always though)
- Then you won't have to hear him raise his voice

T: And the thing that God is pleading with you about is that .

2. That you may not sin 1 –(a grave false teaching) –from the nature of justification & sanctification

- God uses means to preserve you –written in order that –this letter can prevent sin
- Never allowed to sin, grace not a lowered bar
- Pursue peace with all men, holiness without which no one will see the Lord
- Sin is 'normal' but should not ever be 'normal'
- Do not sin anymore **John 5:14, 8:11, Rev 2:21-23** -take your time with repentance

T: But because we do sin.

3. If we sin we have an advocate with the Father 1 – Call your lawyer

- We need an advocate not the opposite – do not think that God winks-only always through Christ IF NOT
- God chose us from **eternity**, Christ died in **time**, and it is applied in **time**
- "Have" not "had" –(accomplished and presently applied) **Heb 7:25, Rom 8:34**
- You are not alone facing the Judge

T: Who specifically is this advocate?

4. Jesus Christ The Righteous 1– There is no one like him –every word full of meaning

- Jesus –<name>true man-face all you face, tempted, hated, hngry, thirsty, tired, abandoned, forsaken_MAN (**Heb 2:17-18**)
- Christ – promised Messiah, seed of woman, overturn Sat. wrk, (which is murder by suicide by sin)
- The Righteous – always heard and always legal-not to plead innocence, but pardon

T: This advocate put his life where his mouth is.

5. He is our propitiation 2 – Both Advocate at law and Satisfaction of the law

- He has born the wrath of God –day of atonement
- Died the death, taken the curse –your advocate has suffered beyond words for you
- Justice has been served
- The Father both offended & Judge & the one who loved you and sent and appointed your advocate for you.

T: And we do not keep this benefit to ourselves but share it with the world.

6. And the whole world –offer of the Gospel 2 – There is no other name under heaven

- What it cannot mean **Jn 3:36**
- Free offer of the Gospel
- There is no class of people excepted
- Whoever believes will be saved- They all need an advocate, a satisfaction for their sins

Conclusion: You have trusted Christ, but you will still sin. Don't sin, but when you do sin, you are not on your own. Jesus continues to plead his finished work on the cross for your forgiveness. There is no way that he will lose one of his own. Trust in Christ your advocate, flee continuously to him. Repent and rest in the fact that your lawyer does not get you off, he paid all your fines, and he took the death penalty in your place. You're free to go, free to live for him. My little Children don't sin your sins are covered.