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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 27

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by providing an **Advocate** for you. **1 John 2:1**, *“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.”*

The Greek word here for advocate is *parakleton* which is also the same word used in **John 14:16**. It means one who pleads a case on someone else’s behalf. When we do sin, He advocates for us by stating His blood has already covered that sin. And it has, Hallelujah! The second part of the meaning is one who walks along side and comforts. Again we see the love of God poured out through Jesus by the Holy Spirit. He is always with us and He empowers us to stand for Him and to say no to our sinful desires.

Jesus is our Advocate. He stands in our defense and He will always do so. He is always interceding for us. **Rom. 8:34**, *“Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.* And again in **Hebrews 7:25** *Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.”*

The reason we need an Advocate is the same reason we need a Savior. We have all sinned and the wages of that sin is death and separation from the Father. But Jesus bridged the gap between us and God with His perfect blood. How much does God love you? Enough to stretch out His arms and have them impaled upon a cross. Enough to take our sin debt and pay it off. There is one who is always accusing, but we have a Savior Who is always defending us. His name is Jesus!

Meditate on the words of this classic song by *Point of Grace*:

*Silence
Trying to fathom the distance
Looking out 'cross the canyon carved
By my hands
God is gracious
Sin would still separate us
Were it not for the bridge his grace
Has made us
His love will carry me
There's a bridge to cross the great divide
A way was made to reach the other side
The mercy of the father, cost his son
His life*

*His love is deep, his love is wide
There's a cross to bridge the great divide
God is faithful
On my own I'm unable
He found me hopeless, alone and
Sent a savior
He's provided a path a promised
To guide us
Safely past all the sin that would divide us
His love delivers me*

Dear Father, thank You for our Advocate, Jesus. Thank You that He stands in the gap for us. In Jesus Name, Amen