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The book of First John 2:1... *My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not.* The Holy Spirit to the children of God in no uncertain terms says I am very much concerned about how you live and I do not want you to sin. In fact, I forbid it. Next sentence; *AND if any man sin....* I appreciate the Lord's realism. He did not say... *But if any man sin...* He said do not sin..." The Bible is clear and He knows that we will sin. By sinning we displease the Lord and if our desire is to make Him happy, it should displease us also.

AND if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. An advocate is (in our common language) a defense attorney. He is someone who has been appointed by the court to plead my cause in a legal matter or a legal proceeding. I am represented not before my fellow man. Often when I sin or when I am supposed to have sinned I have no defense whatsoever in the presence of man. God has not promised I will defend you from everything your neighbors, your coworkers say even the people you went to church with say. We have an advocate with the Father in Heaven. In the presence of God where things matter we have someone who speaks on our behalf and someone who defends us not when we are innocent. The one who defends us even when we sin, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23 But there is one who is righteous, who does always those things that please the Father. John 8:29 There is one who has always spoken truth and only truth and that righteous one has been appointed by the court to be my defense attorney. We are represented in the presence of God by Jesus Christ the righteous! Praise the Lord...

Satan Accuses

Turn in your Bible to Revelation 12:10 *And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven*, (This is in the future. This is almost to the end of the Great Tribulation time.) It's not today. This is some tomorrow...) Verse 10. *And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven*, *Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.* In the future there is a day when there is rejoicing because the one who day and night accused the brethren before God is cast down. For now guess what he is doing? Satan in the presence of God is accusing the brethren. The devil is the manifestation of hate. God is the manifestation of love. 1 John 4:15 Jesus said I am the life. Satan was a murderer from the beginning. John 8:44. Jesus said I am the truth.



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John 14:6. Satan abode not in the truth. On this earth, there is a piece of land in the Middle East. It does not have any oil, it is just rocks and sand. Why would all the nations of the world want to wage war over that piece of land? Because God chose it, the devil hates it. There are billions of Chinese, millions of Japanese, millions of Peruvians and Argentineans in the world. But there are just a few thousand Jews. Why do all these countries want to slaughter the Jews? What have they done? God chose them so the devil hates them.

What Satan wants to do is run into the presence of God every time you sin and say you cannot possibly take that soul to heaven. Look what he did. The minute Satan makes such an accusation, there is one standing at the Father's right hand on your behalf, Jesus Christ our advocate.

What advantage is it that He is Jesus Christ the righteous? Wouldn't He side against me when I sin? Wouldn't He take the devil's side when I've done wrong? Standing in the presence of God is someone who in His own body on the cross has already made full payment for the sin I just committed. Before Jesus went to the cross for all of my sins were two thousand years in the future. When He went to the cross He died for them all. When Satan accuses me and says, "God, you have to destroy him because he did that..." Jesus Christ stands and says, "Father, we had an agreement. If I would pay for that sin in advance, if that one would trust me as His Saviour, we agreed there would be no future penalty for that soul that all of those sins would be pardoned and that He would stand before you justified. The Father turns to Satan and says, "You have no case here." Before I have time to confess it, before I have time to ask for forgiveness, before I have time to say God I'm sorry, sometimes years before I knew that what I did was even wrong, Jesus is standing in the presence of the Father defending my soul against the accusations of the devil. ...if any man sin... (Have you?) ...we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

Man Accuses

Turn to John 8:3-7. And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him (that is Jesus) a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, 4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. 5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? 6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. 7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. The law said if you catch a man and a woman in the very act of adultery you are to stone them both. In these verses there is no mention of the man. Where is the man? They are asking Jesus to violate His righteous law. Jesus implies in these verses that He is not going to violate His righteousness to satisfy your lust for blood. He did not say the woman did not sin. John 8: 8. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. 9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one,



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beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. 10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? 11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more. First John 2:1... My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. He told that woman... "Now sin no more..." Why didn't He put her to death? Because He is righteous. He defended her against an unrighteous accusation even though she was a sinner; He counts His holy word a greater importance than her sin, your sin, my sin. Adultery is a horrible thing to do. The lawyer came to Jesus and asked Him, what is the great commandment? Jesus did not say, thou shalt not commit adultery. He said Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Matthew 22:36-40

Every one of us right now stands before God a sinner. But God sent His Son to pay for that sin on the cross. And while He does not deny that we are sinning and while He is pleading with us and commanding us to sin no more at the very same time He is righteously defending us against all accusers because he paid the penalty for that sin.

The Word of God Accuses

Turn to Hebrews chapter 4. It is not just the devil that accuses us. It is not men that accuse us. Hebrews 4:12-13. We like these two verses because they help us prove how great the Bible is; but in their context something amazing is happening. For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. And yet when we read the Bible, do you know what it does? It discerns your thought life. It examines the intents of your hearts.

The devil might not even know what is in your heart. The people around you who are accusing you of all kinds of stuff, they do not know what's in your heart. But the Bible does. The Bible will pick you apart. Let me show you what I mean. You say, how could Jesus let that woman go who was taken in adultery, The Bible says "It is written... thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, that whosoever LOOKS on a woman with lust in his heart hath committed adultery..." Matthew 5:27-28. Things have changed a bit because now the Lord said, even if the Devil and/or your neighbors do not know you sinned; The Bible knows, why, and what was your intent, and what were your thoughts about doing that sin.

Which accuser should you fear the most, Satan, your fellow man or woman or the Bible? God said, "There shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor..." We come into church. We are in a bad mood and we have not prepared our heart to meet with The Lord. Someone says: "how are you doing?" and we answer "great how about



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you?" We have just lied; the Bible says thou shalt not bear false witness. Mark 10:19. We are being socially acceptable, and polite, because we want to be part of the group. The Bible looks in our heart and says you did not mean that. It is so much a part of our everyday life to be dishonest... to be self-centered. The Bible says the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom Psalms 111:10. God wants us to be aware that He is watching our lives, our thoughts, our deeds, our intentions. He has given us the tools to be perfect (mature) in Him. 2 Corinthians 13:11; Philippians 3:15; Colossians 1:28

Our Advocate Comes With Our Salvation

Job chapter 16. Job is sitting out in the ash-heap and his friends are coming around saying, "you really must have messed up for God to do this to you..."Job says I must have, but I do not know what I did. Job 16:20-21 *My friends scorn me: but mine eye poureth out tears unto God. 21 O that one might plead for a man with God, as a man pleadeth for his neighbour!* When you are arrested the courts say you have a right to an advocate (lawyer). If you cannot afford on, one will be appointed for you. Do you know where our country got that? They gleaned it from the New Testament. 1 John 2:1-2 Job said I wish I had somebody like that. If you are saved, you do.

After the Bible examines us, we come up pretty dirty, what can we do? We can run to our great high priest. Hebrews 4:14-16. What can we do when it seems like troubles are catching me on a daily basis? We can run to our great high priest. Look at verse 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Our great high priest understands what we are going through and He will comfort us. Far too often people get discourage due to their situation and fall away from church, when that's the time when they should be running to their great high priest and seeking the fellowship of other saints.

I am going to heaven, I did not deserve it when I got saved and I have not yet deserved it for 43 years. I have an advocate and how He defends me. Do you know what Jesus is doing right now? Having redeemed my soul He is redeeming my life. You say how does He do that? He pleads for me. He pleads my cause in the presence of God against all accusers. Satan, man, the scripture itself... neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: Hallelujah!

Notes

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	Name
Note: must include scripture with <u>all</u> your answers, including the T/F.	
1.	What is an advocate?
2.	Why does God command us not to sin?
3.	Who accuses us on sin? a.
	b.
	C.
4.	Why does the world hate the Jews?
5.	Why do we not want to sin?
6.	Satan is the accuser of whom?
7.	What advantage is it that our advocate is Jesus Christ the righteous?
8.	Who is missing in the passage about the woman taken in adultery?
9.	Why didn't Jesus put the woman taken in adultery to death?
10	. What is the great commandment?
11	. When the Bible accuses of sin, what areas of us does it search?
12	. Why are we dishonest every-day?
13	. What is the definition of the word "perfect" in the Bible?

Where should we go when we get depressed from life's troubles?

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- 15. Why is it important for us to be displeased when we sin?
- 16. How far ahead in our life, has God forgiven our sins?
- 17. Why does God want us to be aware that He is watching our lives?
- 18. Why should we fear the Lord?
- 19. What is Jesus doing right now on our behalf?
- 20. Why was Job so depressed?
- 21. What is the definition of propitiation? How does it fit into this Bible lesson? (extra credit)

True/false

- Jesus Christ is our great high priest.
- The Bible examines our heart and our reins.
- When the court says: You have the right to an attorney; this term came from the Bible.
- God is love, the devil is hate.



Scripture memorization

Write out these verses on the back on this page: (must be in KJV) 1 John 2:1-2; Hebrews 4:12-13

Any Questions?