

Attorneyship of Jesus

1. Jesus Christ is the believer's defense attorney because:
 - a. Christ bore the sins (pre and post salvation) of the whole world (unlimited atonement) on the cross (1 Pet. 2:24; 2 Cor. 5:21; Rev. 1:5; Col. 2:14; Heb. 9:27-28).
 - b. The Father judged our sins when Christ was bearing them (Psa. 22:1-6; 1 Pet. 3:18).
 - c. Since a person's sins were judged once at the cross, they cannot be judged again. This would violate the law of double jeopardy.
 - d. Since you can only be judged once for a sin, Satan's accusation is "thrown out of court" because that sin was judged at the cross.
 - e. The believer's sins, then, become a family matter. The believer gets chastened, Heb. 12:6. All post-salvation sins hinder fellowship with God and are blotted out by confession of sin, 1 John 1:9.
2. God's disposition of the sins of the human race.
 - a. Sins of the unbeliever:
 - (1) As Christ bore the sins of every single unbeliever, He tasted the spiritual death for each and every person who has ever or will ever live, Heb. 2:9.
 - (2) The unbeliever who rejects Christ stands on his own human good, but this never measures up to the perfect righteousness of God. His sins are never mentioned at the Great White Throne, Rev. 20:12. He is condemned, not because of sins, but because of rejection of Jesus Christ, John 3:18.
 - b. Sins of the believer.
 - (1) The price of all sins were paid in full on the cross. The believer will never suffer *for* his sins. That is grace!
 - (2) Therefore, when Satan accuses the believer in heaven (Rev. 12:10), Jesus Christ, our Defense Attorney, is there to represent us, and the case is thrown out.

3. Christ is not only our Defense Attorney, He is our High Priest who really does understand us and is always there with the grace that we so desperately need:

Hebrews 4:14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

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