

Chapter 1 : What does it mean that Jesus is our mediator?

While this old earth continues to be "won" for Christ, Jesus is the Advocate for Christians, meaning He is our great Defender. This is the intercessory role He currently fulfills for those who are His (1 John).

Prayer is the most potent force known to humanity. In prayer, we have a weapon that has divine power to destroy strongholds" 2 Corinthians That kind of weaponryâ€”the power of prayerâ€”is something God invites us to use as we seek not only personal transformation but the transformation of the world as well. An intercessor is one who takes up a "burden" that goes far beyond his or her own needs and intentions. They learn to trust in the Lord, because they have experienced in prayer how infinitely compassionate God is. The Letter of James tells us that "The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects" James 5: Martha, the sister of Lazarus, rightly declared, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you" John So ask the Holy Spirit to teach you how to pray in union with the mind of God. Take to heart St. And above all, ask God to give you confidence that he hears your prayers and longs to answer the deep needs of those around you. Seven Steps for Intercessory Prayer Since it is the prayer of the righteous that is powerful and effective James 5: During this time, ask the Lord to give you a sense of the things God wants you to pray for. You may want to write down the things that God places on your hearts. Briefly reflect on what you wrote down. What do you think God is leading you to pray for? And, of course, pray for your own intentions and those of your loved ones. Stand firm in faith, and wait to see God work in power. In your prayer journal, keep a record of what you prayed for, and of the ways God answered those prayers. Thank him and praise for all the ways he has worked through your prayer. One of the most powerful ways we can pray as intercessors is together with others. Consider forming an intercessory prayer team. In our own time revive it; in our own time make it known; in wrath may you remember mercy. Partners in Evangelism serves prisoners and service men and women by providing free spiritual material, including copies of The Word Among Us magazine.

Chapter 2 : 1 Timothy For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus

But that the risen Christ is an "intercessor with the Father," or, as the NIV renders it, one who speaks to the Father in our defense, does not mean that Jesus must plead with an indifferent, reluctant or hardhearted Father on our behalf. Instead, the image of Jesus as intercessor gives us confidence because the penitent believer has as an.

Concerning His intercession, we must consider its necessity, nature, and efficacy. The matters for which He intercedes there are these: All that which His elect are in need of in this life in order to enable them to walk in the way to heaven—namely, the Holy Spirit Who illumines, comforts, and sanctifies them. This we observe in John This is also confirmed in Hebrews 7: This was typified in the Old Testament by the high priest, who was not finished after offering the sacrifice, but had to enter the Holy of Holies with blood in order to sprinkle it upon the mercy seat and burn incense. This prerequisite was of such necessity that without it He could not be a high priest. Had He not been a priest, there would be no salvation for the elect, for they must come to God and be saved by way of a priest. For this reason, sacrifice and prayer are joined together. This necessity is also evident for the following reasons: First, it is fitting to God that it be continually acknowledged that He has been despised by man, that His righteousness neither permits man to approach Him nor Him to approach man, except by an atoning Surety Who continually displays His atonement. Thirdly, in reference to man as well as to the gift of the Surety, God also wills that His free grace in the salvation of the sinner be displayed and ever be acknowledged: Therefore, although the sacrifice of Christ is perfect and is of an eternally atoning efficacy, it must nevertheless be applied by way of intercession. Fourthly, it was also necessary in reference to the Lord Jesus Himself. He was Surety and could not be released from His Suretyship as long as His elect had not in actuality been made partakers of salvation. In order to prepare a place for the elect, however, and to lead them unto salvation, intercession necessarily had to occur cf. Thus, the Lord Jesus must continue with His intercession until all His elect will have been gathered into heaven. Fifthly, the Father also wills that the Lord Jesus be acknowledged as still being engaged to the advantage of the elect, so that they would come to the throne by Him, and in coming would there find Him to be an Advocate Who brings their prayers before the Father Rev. Paul pointed to this in Romans 5: He ever liveth to make intercession for them. This movement was contemporaneous with and greatly influenced by English Puritanism. Scholars in the Netherlands have defined this movement as follows: It has been argued by scholars that this work is a synthesis of the best Puritan literature published in England and the Netherlands. In it he preserved the balance between the mystical and ethical elements in Christianity which is so characteristic of the great Pietists in the Reformed communion. His selection of the title is already an indication that it was not merely his intention to present a systematic explanation of Christian dogma to the public.

Chapter 3 : Chapter 26 - Christ the Intercessor -

The ministry of Christ as our intercessor works in cooperation with the work of the Holy Spirit and Scripture to prevent us from sinning. As long as we are in the flesh we are subject to sin, but sinlessness should still be the aim of every Christian.

Michael Bradley This next powerful, prayer secret is one that is being given to us in three different verses. As you will see in these next three verses, both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit have a very powerful, intercessory prayer ministry for every born-again believer. As a born-again child of the most high God, not only do we have the right to be able to approach God for either ourselves or someone else we may be praying for, but we also have the right to ask both Jesus and the Holy Spirit to help intercede directly for us or for someone else that we may be praying for. In other words, not only can we step in the gap and intercede and pray for someone else for whatever their prayer need may be, but we can also ask both Jesus and the Holy Spirit to step into the gap and pray for us and with us to God the Father on that specific prayer request. If God the Father can be moved to answer some of our own personal prayers that are prayed direct to Him all by ourselves, can you imagine how much more success we would all have in our prayer life with Him if we ask both Jesus and the Holy Spirit to pray for us and with us on certain prayer assignments from time to time? Here are the three powerful verses where this specific revelation is being given to us by the Lord: Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. Notice in the first and third verses the exact same words are being used in reference to Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We are not to pray direct to Jesus, the Holy Spirit, or to any dead saints who are living in heaven. We are to only pray direct to God the Father in the name of Jesus if we have any specific prayer requests. These three verses are giving us an incredible revelation in that not only should all born-again believers pray direct to God the Father, but that Jesus and the Holy Spirit will also be praying direct to God the Father for all of us as well. And if Jesus and the Holy Spirit will also pray direct to God the Father for all of us, then this means we can approach both Jesus and the Holy Spirit from time to time to personally ask Them to pray for us and with us on a particular prayer request. When you sum it all up, I believe the above three verses are giving us 5 key pieces of revelation that we can use in our own personal prayer life with the Lord. Here are the 5 key pieces of revelation put under the following appropriate captions. As a result, we can now pray direct to God Himself with any specific prayer requests that we may have. In other words, if these two verses are telling us that Jesus will make intercession for us, then we should take this statement as a literal statement and believe that Jesus will literally, not symbolically or figuratively, but literally make direct intercession for all of us from time to time. In other words, Jesus will be praying direct to God the Father on our behalf as different needs and circumstances arise in our lives. Prayer offered in behalf of others To assail with urgent petitions, entreating God for His favor The act of petitioning God or praying on behalf of another person or group To reach, to meet someone, to pressure or urge someone strongly The act of intervening or mediating between differing parties, particularly the act of praying to God on behalf of another person All of these definitions are showing us that whenever a person is interceding for another person before God the Father, they are literally praying for that other person and whatever their special prayer need may be at the time. So when these verses are telling us that Jesus Himself will be making direct intercession for us, then I believe this is showing us that Jesus has a very special role as an actual Intercessor for all of us, and that He too will actually pray direct to God the Father for all of us from time to time. The Holy Spirit Makes Intercession For Us Not only can Jesus Christ pray and intercede for all of us from time to time before God the Father, but the last verse tells us that the Holy Spirit Himself can also pray and intercede for all of us from time to time as different needs and circumstances arise in our personal lives. In other words, we should interpret this verse that the Holy Spirit Himself can literally intercede and pray direct to God the Father for all of us from time to time. This means

that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit can now become our actual prayer Partners and prayer Allies from time to time depending on what we are praying for to God the Father. We Can Now Ask Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit to Intercede For Us With all three verses telling us that both Jesus and the Holy Spirit can directly pray and intercede for all of us, what this means is that there are now two basic scenarios where this type of intercession will come into play as far as we are personally concerned. This will be another revelation that will be like looking at a two-sided coin. The one side of the coin, which will be the first scenario, will be when Jesus and the Holy Spirit will pray and intercede for us before God the Father and we will never know They are actually doing it for us. With Jesus and the Holy Spirit both being God and Lord Themselves, They both can see perfectly into our futures and will know exactly what all of our futures will be holding for us down to the very smallest of details. As a result of perfectly knowing what will lie ahead of us in our futures, this means They can both pray and intercede for us before God the Father to stop any possible tragedies that may be getting ready to strike us. And not only can They both pray direct to God to stop any possible tragedies from striking us, but They can also pray direct to God to help us with any problems or adverse situations that we may have already fallen into. In other words, They can both pray direct to God the Father for our deliverance out of any bad situations that we may have fallen into. Until we get to heaven and we enter into the Judgment Seat of Christ where our whole life will be reviewed, we will never know for sure how often and how many times Jesus and the Holy Spirit had been praying and interceding for us before God the Father to either prevent bad things from happening to us, or praying for our deliverance after we had already fallen into a bad situation. But with the above three verses telling us that both Jesus and the Holy Spirit can pray and intercede directly for us before God the Father, then you know They both have a very active and powerful intercessory prayer ministry for each and every born-again believer. This should give great comfort and great peace to all believers that the second and third Persons of the triune Godhead have all of us in their thoughts and in their prayers to God the Father. But this will now lead us to the second possible scenario with this revelation from the Lord, which will be the other side to this same coin. Not only is Jesus and the Holy Spirit praying and interceding for all of us from time to time without us ever being aware of it, but I believe this revelation will now open up a whole new realm that many believers have never thought of before. And this will be the prayer secret of this article. This prayer secret is that from time to time, depending on exactly what we are praying for to God the Father, we can literally ask both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit to pray for us and with us on a particular prayer request before God the Father. In other words, we will be asking both Jesus and the Holy Spirit to become our prayer Partners and prayer Allies on some of our personal prayers to God the Father. Just as we can ask other believers to pray for us and with us from time to time, we can also do the exact same thing with both Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Just think how many more of your personal prayers might be able to get answered with God the Father if you have both Jesus and the Holy Spirit praying for you and with you on some of your personal prayer requests! Praying According to the Will of God Though you can ask both Jesus and the Holy Spirit to pray for you and with you from time to time, you also have to be very careful when you try and use this powerful prayer secret. In the third verse above about the Holy Spirit Himself making direct intercession for us – note how the very last sentence ends. If the prayer request is not in the will of God for your life, then neither Jesus or the Holy Spirit will be praying for you, and you will thus be wasting both Their time and your time if you try and pressure Them to pray for something that God does not want to bring your way in the first place. So how do you know if a certain prayer request is going to be in the will of God for your life? This will now lead us right into the next caption. The key words are: This is something that every believer will have to learn on their own through a process of trial-and-error with the Holy Spirit. You will have to learn how to be guided and led by Holy Spirit, not only in your own personal prayer life, but also with the other parts of your life as well. This is a skill which can be learned if you are really wanting to learn how to do this with the Lord. The Holy Spirit Himself will show you and teach you how to become very sensitive to His movements within your being you so that you can then learn how to become very adept in discerning when it is Him really moving in you and exactly what He is trying to lead you to do. Once you start to become more sensitive to His movements within you, and then you are able to start to pick up and read what He is trying to tell you to do, then you will really be able to use this principle in

your own private prayer life with the Lord. The Holy Spirit will be able to let you know whether or not a particular prayer request should even be brought before the Lord for His consideration. In other words, He will let you know if your personal prayer request will be in the will of God for your life. If the Holy Spirit tells you that your personal prayer request is not in the will of God for your life, and you can pick that up ahead of time from Him, then you will end up saving yourself many hours of wasted prayer time praying for something that God was not wanting to bring your way in the first place. And not only can the Holy Spirit guide you and lead you as to what to pray for and what not to pray for, but He can also guide you as to how to word your prayers to God the Father and exactly what kinds of angles and points of view to key in on with your specific requests. There are times that I believe you will have more success with God in your prayer life if you can learn how to be very specific with some of your prayer requests and approach Him from the right angles and the right points of view. Example – say you are asking God to lead you to the soulmate of His choice for your life. The right angle and the correct point of view on this request is not to try and tie God down with who you think may be best suited for you. You may be dating a person and you may think this person is your true soulmate. But the way to correctly word your prayer to God on this person is to ask Him to let you know if this person is the right one for you and if this person is the one that He has specifically chosen for you. Some people will try and force their hand with God on this issue and they will ask Him to try and make the other person love them and commit to marrying them. Instead of trying to pressure God to make this person love them and marry them, they should be asking God if this person is the one that He has personally picked out for their lives. If God comes back and tells you this person is not the one that He has in store for you, then you will have to let that person go and wait until God leads you to the right person that He has personally picked out for you. I have seen numerous Christians force their hand with God on this particular issue, and when God would not come back with the answers they were wanting, they went ahead and married the people they were dating and were divorced shortly thereafter because they ended up marrying people that were not in the will of God for their lives. And the big mistake they had made was in the way they were wording their prayers to the Lord. If these people would have learned how to become more sensitive to the leadings of the Holy Spirit, they could have picked it up from Him ahead of time that they were approaching God from the wrong angle and the wrong point of view. If you can learn how to be led by the Holy Spirit in your own personal prayer life with the Lord, here are some of the specific things that He will be able to help you out with: What to pray for What not to pray for How to word your prayers to God What particular Scripture verses to use in your prayers The timing factor – exactly when to pray for something The correct battle strategies to use The correct angle and point of view to use with the Lord How many times to pray to God for the request How long to stay with the prayer request Whether or not to call in other believers to pray in agreement with you Whether or not there is anything else that you will need to do on your end before God will grant the prayer request All of the above are major factors that will come into play on some of your personal prayer requests to the Lord. And if you can get answers from the Holy Spirit on some of these factors before you start to pray, you will go a very long way in being able to get more of your personal prayers answered with the Lord. Conclusion Put the above three verses together like pieces to a jigsaw puzzle, and I believe that God the Father is giving all of us a very power secret to use in our own personal prayer life with Him. Not only is Jesus and the Holy Spirit praying and interceding for all of us without us ever being consciously aware of it, but I believe the Lord is also telling us that we can specifically ask both Jesus and the Holy Spirit to intercede and pray for us from time to time on some of our own personal prayer requests to Him. I have personally found myself using this prayer secret when I have something that is on the heavier side. You will see this prayer secret incorporated into some of the battle prayers that I had drawn up for others in the Testimonies and Spiritual Warfare section of our site. You simply ask both Jesus and the Holy Spirit to pray for you and with you on your specific prayer request to God the Father. Quote the above three verses back to Them and ask Them to take this prayer assignment up with you. What this means is that the three of you will now go before God the Father with your specific petitions and requests. In other words, both Jesus and the Holy Spirit will be praying in agreement with you on your specific prayer request to God the Father – just like you would have other believers do with you in the prayer of agreement that was talked about in Prayer Secret 6. If you are truly praying in the will of God on a

particular prayer request, and then you ask both Jesus and the Holy Spirit to join forces with you as your prayer Partners and prayer Allies in your petitions to God the Father – then I believe you will dramatically increase your chances of having God the Father answer your specific prayer request. This is a very heavy torpedo to add to your personal prayer arsenal with the Lord. Do not be afraid to pull this heavy torpedo out and try it out with the Lord if you ever find yourself approaching Him with a heavier type of prayer request. It could be the strategy that will end up making the difference as to whether or not you end up pulling down that major miracle from the Lord.

Romans | View whole chapter | See verse in context Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

All growth in the spiritual life is connected with clearer insight into what Jesus is to us. The more I realize that Christ must be everything to me and in me, that everything in Christ is indeed for me, the more I learn to live the real life of faith. This life dies to self and lives wholly in Christ. The Christian life is no longer a vain struggle to live right, but a resting in Christ to find strength in Him as life. He helps us fight and gain the victory of faith! This is especially true of the life of prayer. It, too, comes under the law of faith alone, and is seen in the light of the fullness and completeness there is in Jesus. The believer understands that prayer is no longer a matter of strain or anxious care, but an experience of what Christ will do for him and in him. It is a participation in the life of Christ, which is the same on earth as in heaven, always ascending to the Father as prayer. So he begins to pray. Such a believer not only trusts the merits of Jesus, or His intercession, by which our unworthy prayers are made acceptable: He also trusts in that near and close union through which He prays in us and we in Him. Having Him within us, we abide in Him and He in us through the Holy Spirit perfecting our union with Him, so that we ourselves can come directly to the Father in His Name. The whole of salvation is Christ Himself: He has given Himself to us. He Himself lives in us. Because He prays, we pray, too. Just like the disciples, when they saw Jesus praying and asked Him to make them partakers of what He knew of prayer, we know that He makes us participate with Himself in the life of prayer. He is now our Intercessor on the throne. This comes out quite clearly in the last night of His life. In His high-priestly prayer John 17, He shows us how and what He has to pray to the Father, and what He will pray when He ascends to heaven. He had in His parting address repeatedly connected His going to the Father with their new life of prayer. The two would be ultimately connected. His entrance on the work of His eternal intercession would be the commencement and the power of their new prayer-life in His Name. It is the sight of Jesus in His intercession that gives us power to pray in His Name. To understand this, think first of His intercession. He lives to intercede. The work of Christ on earth as Priest was just a beginning. As Aaron, who offered the blood sacrifice, Jesus shed His blood. As Melchizedek, He now lives within the veil to continue His work for the power of the eternal life. Through the incarnation and resurrection of Jesus, the wondrous reconciliation took place, and man became partaker of the Divine life and blessedness. But the real, personal use of this reconciliation cannot take place without the unceasing exercise of His Divine power by the Head in heaven. This exercise takes place only through His prayer: He asks of the Father and receives from the Father. He receives every need of His people in intercession, extending to them what the Godhead has to give. His mediation on the throne is as real and indispensable as it was on the cross. It engages all His time and all His power. It is His unceasing occupation at the right hand of the Father. We participate, not only in the benefits of HIS work, but in the work itself. This is because we are His Body. The Head and the members are one: We share with Jesus everything He is and has. We are partakers of His life, His righteousness, and His work. We share His intercession, too. He cannot do it without us. His life in heaven is a life of continuous prayer. When it descends and takes possession of us, it does not lose its character. It becomes a life of continuous prayer in us, too. It is a life that without ceasing asks and receives from God. This is not as if there were two separate currents of prayer rising upwards—one from Him and one from His people. A substantial life-union is also a prayer-union. What He prays passes through us, and what we pray passes through Him. He is the angel with the golden censer. We live and abide in Him, the Interceding One. The Only-begotten is the only One Who has the right to pray. He alone has the power of prayer. Growth of the spiritual life consists of a deeper belief that all treasures are in Him, and that we, too, are in Him. We receive each moment what we possess in Him. Prayer-life is the same. Our faith in the intercession of Jesus must not only be in His praying for us when we do not or cannot pray. As the Author of our life and our faith, He draws us to pray in unison with Himself. Our prayer must be a work of faith in the sense that as we know that Jesus communicates His whole life in us, He also breathes our praying into us. To many a believer, it was a new epoch in his spiritual life when it was

revealed to him how truly and entirely Christ was his life, standing responsible for his remaining faithful and obedient. It was then, that he really began to live a life of faith. No less blessed will be the discovery that Christ is responsible for our prayer-life, too. As the center and embodiment of all prayer, it is communicated by Him through the Holy Spirit to His people. He is the Leader in that new and living way which He has opened up as the Author and the Perfecter of our faith. He provides everything for the life of His redeemed ones by giving His own life in them. He cares for their life of prayer by taking them up into His heavenly prayer-life, giving and maintaining His prayer-life within them. All these wonderful prayer-promises have the glory of God, in the manifestation of His Kingdom and the salvation of sinners, as their aim. As long as we pray chiefly for ourselves, the promises of the last night must remain a sealed book to us. The promises are given to the fruit-bearing branches of the Vine, to disciples sent into the world to live for perishing men as the Father sent Him, to His faithful servants and intimate friends who take up the work He leaves behind. Like their Lord, they have become seed-corn, losing their lives to multiply them. Let us each find out what our work is, and which souls are entrusted to our special prayers. Let us make our intercession for them our life of fellowship with God. We will not only discover the truth to the promises of power in prayer. We will begin to realize how our abiding in Christ and His abiding in us makes us share in His own joy of blessing and saving men. O most wonderful intercession of our Blessed Lord Jesus! We not only owe everything to that intercession, but in it we are taken up as active partners and fellow-workers! Now we understand what it is to pray in the Name of Jesus, and why it has such power. When will we ever be wholly taken up into it? Lord, teach us to pray! In lowly adoration I again bow before You. All of Your work of redemption has now passed into prayer. You are completely occupied with praying, to maintain and dispense what You purchased with Your blood. You live to pray. And because we abide in You, we have direct access to the Father. Our lives can be lives of unceasing prayer, and the answer to our prayer is certain. You have invited Your people to be Your fellow-workers in a life of prayer. You have united Yourself with Your people. As Your Body, they share the ministry of intercession with You. Only through this ministry can the world be filled with the fruit of Your redemption and the glory of the Father. With more liberty than ever I come to You, my Lord, and plead with You to teach me to pray. Your life is prayer; Your life is mine. Teach me to pray in You and like You. And, O my Lord! Let the uniting power of the Holy Spirit make my whole life an abiding in You and in Your intercession. May my prayer be its echo, so that the Father hears me in You and You in me. In everything, let Your mind be in me!

Chapter 5 : Characteristics of an Intercessor

CHRIST THE INTERCESSOR "Who also makes intercession for us." -Romans "He who might have been placing a vial of wrath in the hand of every angel around His throne, with a commission to pour it out on this rebellious world until it was utterly consumed, is standing at the moment, at the altar of incense, presenting our prayers for mercy, and officiating there as our great High Priest."

Jesus Christ is the only mediator between humanity and God. Jesus Christ is intercessor between mankind and God. One who goes between two groups or persons to help them work out their differences and come to agreement. A mediator usually is a neutral party, a go-between, intermediary, or arbitrator who brings about reconciliation in a hostile situation when divided persons are not able to work out their differences themselves. A mediator can also be the negotiator of an agreement. After the agreement is made, he can then witness to its content and serve as the administrator or guarantor to make sure its provisions are followed. A mediator needs legal authority and recognized power to function effectively. Nelsons No one else in heaven or on earth better knows both the divine and the human circumstances, therefore, making Jesus Christ the only qualified Mediator between man and God. The hostility between mankind and God is sin that man has committed or omitted James 4: Moses functioned as the mediator between Israel and God under Judaism Exodus What is an intercessor? This belongs to the office of Christ as Priest and refers generally to the aid that He extends as mediator between God and mankind. Simply put, in the Bible, intercession is: However, successful intercession also depends upon those for whom intercession is made obeying the Word of God John There was no need of an intercessor between man and God until sin separated between the first pair and God in the Garden of Eden Genesis 3: First, the Holy Spirit participates in intercession between mankind and God Romans 8: In a much inferior consideration, Christians through their prayers make intercession for their fellow mankind 1 Timothy 2: What is an advocate? One who pleads the cause of another. The term is applied by Jesus to the Holy Spirit John The word advocate Lat. Jesus and the apostle John used a term known in the first century Palestine to refer to someone who represented another in a court of law cf. There is no one better suited than Jesus Christ to represent humanity as Defense Lawyer before God Almighty in the divine court of heaven Regarding 1 Timothy 2: Though willing to be Mediator, Intercessor and Advocate for all humanity, Jesus Christ can only serve in those capacities for obedient souls Romans 6: Kittel, Gerhard and Gerhard Friedrich, Editors. McClintock and Strong Encyclopedia. Nelsons Illustrated Bible Dictionary. Ephesians Four Group, Vines Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words.

Chapter 6 : Intercession Of Christ - International Standard Bible Encyclopedia

One of the most famous backsliders in the history of the church is Simon Peter. This man, who had followed Jesus faithfully in the midst of hunger, storm, and public unrest, denied Him when He made that final journey to the cross.

I, the first-person pronoun. A primary pronoun of the first person I. The pledges that Christ has given us of His love did not end, but only began with His death. Matthew Henry Commentary 8: All things, all which can be the causes or means of any real good to the faithful Christian. He that has prepared a crown and a kingdom for us, will give us what we need in the way to it. Men may justify themselves, though the accusations are in full force against them; but if God justifies, that answers all. By Christ we are thus secured. By the merit of his death he paid our debt. Yea, rather that is risen again. This is convincing evidence that Divine justice was satisfied. We have such a Friend at the right hand of God; all power is given to him. He is there, making intercession. Then do not toss your spirit and perplex your thoughts in fruitless, endless doubtings, but as you are convinced of ungodliness, believe on Him who justifies the ungodly. You are condemned, yet Christ is dead and risen. Flee to Him as such. God having manifested his love in giving his own Son for us, can we think that any thing should turn aside or do away that love? Troubles neither cause nor show any abatement of his love. Whatever believers may be separated from, enough remains. None can take Christ from the believer: All other hazards signify nothing. Can you say of any of them, Who shall separate us? You may be removed from pleasant dwellings, and friends, and estates. You may even live to see and seek your parting. At last you must part, for you must die. Then farewell, all this world accounts most valuable. And what hast thou left, poor soul, who hast not Christ, but that which thou wouldest gladly part with, and canst not; the condemning guilt of all thy sins! But the soul that is in Christ, when other things are pulled away, cleaves to Christ, and these separations pain him not.

Chapter 7 : Mediator, Intercessor and Advocate

Intercession of Christ is the Christian belief in the continued intercession of Jesus and his advocacy on behalf of humanity, even after he left the earth.

We can look forward to the time when He will return to this earth to rule and reign as our coming King. In this lesson we are going to consider the present ministry of the Lord Jesus as our Intercessor. He is praying for us. The Bible tells us that Jesus is our great Intercessor. An intercessor is one who prays for another. And that is just what the Lord Jesus is doing now. He is in Heaven praying for all those who believe on Him. There were many great men in the Bible who prayed for others. They interceded with God for their people. Sometimes they asked God to forgive the sins of their people, and sometimes they asked God to deliver their people from their enemies. These men were intercessors because they prayed to God for others. We need an intercessor too. Because we have a great enemy, Satan, who hates every child of God. He tries to keep us from living a life that is pleasing to God. But we do not need to be afraid because the Lord Jesus is our great Intercessor. He is praying for us each day. The Bible says, "Christ is entered into Heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. Death ended their prayers. The Lord Jesus also died, but He rose again! He is alive today, and He is praying continually for those who belong to Him. The Bible says, "He ever lives to make intercession for them. He loved them, and He prayed that they might be kept from evil. He is the perfect Intercessor for us. There are three reasons why Jesus is the perfect Intercessor for us: He understands us perfectly. He paid the penalty of our sins. Let us think about these three things. There is nothing that God the Father will not do for His beloved Son. He said, "Whatsoever you shall ask the Father in My name, He will give it to you. Do you know why the Lord Jesus understands us perfectly? Because He Himself lived here as a man. The Bible says that it was necessary for Jesus to be like us so that He could be our merciful and faithful High Priest Intercessor before God. The Lord Jesus knows what it is to be poor and to be hungry. He knows what it is to be rejected and misunderstood. He knows what it is to be tempted and to suffer persecution. There is nothing that can happen to us that He does not understand. The Bible says that He "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. He is the perfect Intercessor for us because He understands us perfectly. Jesus paid the penalty for our sins. The Lord Jesus has the right to be our Intercessor because He paid the penalty of our sins. The nail prints in His hands and feet and the print of the spear in His side are reminders of the fact that He died on the cross for our sins. When we sin, Jesus can point to the nail prints in His hands and say, "Father, I know that this one has sinned, but I paid for his sins. I purchased him with My own blood. He belongs to Me. We have seen that the Lord Jesus is the perfect Intercessor for us. Now let us think about three ways in which the Lord Jesus intercedes for us. He prays for us when we are tempted. He intercedes for us when we have sinned. He presents our prayers to the Father. Let us consider these things. Christ prays for us when we are tempted. The Lord Jesus prays especially that we will not yield to sin when we are tempted by Satan. He prayed to the Father, "I pray not that Thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil [from the evil one, Satan]. But the Lord Jesus is praying for us, and the Father has promised that He will not allow us to be tempted beyond our power to resist. He will always make a way of escape for us. The Bible says, "God is faithful, Who will not suffer [allow] you to be tempted above that you are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it. No, not at all. We can sin, but we do not have to sin. We can say "No! Christ intercedes for us when we have sinned. When we received Christ as our Saviour, we were born into the family of God. We have a new relationship with God. He is our Heavenly Father, and we are His child. Can anything break this relationship? No, our relationship to God as His child can never be broken. What does it mean to have "fellowship" with others? It means that we enjoy being with them. We love them, and we know that they love us. We like to talk with them and to share our joys and our trials with them. God loves us and He wants us to have fellowship with Him. He wants us to enjoy being with Him. He wants us to tell Him about our joys and our trials. God wants us to love Him and to know that He loves us. When we are obedient to Him, we enjoy wonderful fellowship with Him. Can this fellowship with God be broken? When we sin, our fellowship with the Father is

broken. Our relationship with Him as His child is not broken, but sin breaks our fellowship with Him. Can our fellowship with the Father be restored? He intercedes for us when we sin. He asks the Father to forgive us for His sake. It is because of who Jesus is and what He has done for us that God forgives us of our sins. When is our fellowship with God restored? Our fellowship is restored the moment we confess our sins to the Father. The Bible says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. A true child of God will want to please his Heavenly Father, and he will hate the things that God hates. Christ presents our prayers to the Father. We have seen how the Lord Jesus prays for us when we are tempted and how He restores our fellowship with the Father when we have sinned. But there is yet another wonderful thing that the Lord Jesus does for us: Many people think that anyone can pray to God and that God will hear and answer their prayers, but this is not true. He asks the Father to grant our requests for His sake. It is because of who Jesus is and what He has done for us that God hears and answers our prayers. He prays for us daily. He does not turn us away when we need help, but He offers His strength. He does not condemn us when we fail, but He is patient and merciful with us. When we have sinned, He intercedes for us with the Father so that our fellowship with the Father may be restored. Are you troubled with temptations that you cannot seem to overcome? Then come to the Father through the Lord Jesus and ask Him to give you victory over them. Are you out of fellowship with the Father? Have you lost your joy as a Christian?

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Not all Christ's work is finished, however, because he now continues to make intercession for us in heaven. We study the same portions of Hebrews as for the lessons "Jesus a priest like Melchizedek", but we now focus on his work as our intercessor.

The Fundamental Pattern 1: This time the author levels his most serious charge yet: We have then a crescendo of charges: Here he introduces the idea of Jesus as an intercessor. And where the judge is righteous, it is appropriate and to our advantage that the paraclete is righteous as well. Jesus, the righteous one, intercedes with the righteous Father for unrighteous sinners. But that the risen Christ is an "intercessor with the Father," or, as the NIV renders it, one who speaks to the Father in our defense, does not mean that Jesus must plead with an indifferent, reluctant or hardhearted Father on our behalf. Instead, the image of Jesus as intercessor gives us confidence because the penitent believer has as an intercessor the one who has the most intimate relationship with and access to God. Jesus is "with the Father. Here there is no sense of Jesus trying to persuade God to do something that he requests but that God is reluctant to grant. Such a unity of will exists between Jesus and the Father that Jesus is aware that what he asks will indeed be granted to him. And what he asks for us is forgiveness. It will be granted. The imagery changes from that of the court to the cultic realm of sacrifice Balz It removes sin so that we may continue in fellowship with God. Sin is a blot on the light, and it must be removed. Otherwise they remain in the realm of darkness, impurity and sin. The imagery of this passageâ€”walking, confessing, purifyingâ€”leaves us with a picture of true allegiance to God that is not static but dynamic. John does not picture a plateau that one attains; rather, he envisions a pathway along which we walk. We walk in the light and toward the light. Within that light we know ourselves to be sinners and God to be all righteousness and truth. To know these truths about ourselves and God is the essence of what confession is. It is said that confession is good for the soul. This is certainly true for the author of our epistle. Here we may conclude by summarizing what confession is and how it is "good for the soul. Third, when we confess our sin, we adopt a stance of dependence toward God. Precisely the refusal to confess their sin branded the secessionists as those who scorned the saving work of God on their behalf. Finally, we must always remember that confession is both personal and corporate. In confessing our sins, we acknowledge our place in the company of confessed sinners. Together we stand, on common ground, before God who accepts and forgives all of us. Confession can never be something by which we gain the upper hand over another brother or sister. It certainly is no mark of superiority to confess our sins. It is, rather, simply an acknowledgment of who we are. What God wants of us, then, is sincere commitment to walking in the light and honest confession of our sin.

Chapter 9 : CHRIST THE INTERCESSOR

Jesus Is Our Intercessor. What is the Lord Jesus doing now? He is praying for us. The Bible tells us that Jesus is our great Intercessor. An intercessor is one who prays for another.

He agreed and quickly emerged as the national leader of the Solidarity Movement for political reform. Solidarity was recognized by the Polish communist party, but pressure from the Soviet Union quickly led to a government crackdown. Walesa was arrested but returned to leading the movement underground upon his release. Eventually Solidarity succeeded in lifting martial law, forcing a contested parliamentary election, establishing a non-communist government, and breaking Soviet control over Poland. Walesa was awarded the Nobel Peace prize in and became the first democratically elected president of Poland after the fall of communism. The Catholic Church supported the Solidarity movement and may have headed off further repression party when Pope John Paul II invited Walesa to a high-profile visit to the Vatican in Walesa credited his faith with the inspiration and strength needed to lead the movement. We knelt down and prayed. Thus Jesus prays for us before the throne of God Heb. What will he possibly say to the chief? Recognizing that the project he is working on is running late and over budget makes him more afraid. But then he learns that his supervisor, a beloved mentor, will also be at the meeting. And it turns out his supervisor is great friends with the chief of the highway department from their days back at university. Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus not only is a high priest but also a high priest in solidarity with us. Christ came in a genuine human body, and he really did embrace life as one of us. In order to be a faithful high priest, the author reasons, Jesus has to be able to sympathize with the people. He cannot do this if he has not experienced the same things they have experienced. And so he states quite carefully that Jesus learned obedience. This does not mean, of course, that Jesus had to learn to obey in the way we doâ€”by ceasing to disobey God. It means that he needed to experience suffering and temptation firsthand to qualify as a high priest. How else could he genuinely relate to us as we struggle in this world day by day? Instead he weaves himself into the fabric of real human life, including real human labor. When we face struggles at work, we can then turn to our sympathetic high priest with the full assurance that he knows firsthand what we are going through. Help us finish the year strong. We ask that you prayerfully consider joining us in this work!