

1 John Lesson 18 Outline
“Jesus for the Defense” 1 John 2:1
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Salvation is not just an act of grace, love, and mercy, but it is also an act of justice.

The good news is that every sin will be punished, and yet the sinner will be forgiven.

So, let's go into the courtroom and see how this looks. First, let's look at the _____.

The judge knows we're guilty, we know we're guilty, and even our advocate, our defense lawyer, knows we're guilty.

Next comes in the _____, who cries to God relentlessly that if God is just and God is righteous and God is holy, then He must punish these who have such a list of iniquities.

Next is the _____.

As we go before Him, we're glad for His justice, and at the same time we are fearful of His justice - because it is His very justice from which we must be _____.

We must be saved from God.

When you study the Scripture and you hear what a just God will do to sinners, it's pretty frightening.

And so, God, in saving us, saves us from _____.

We have a *Paraklētōs*.

Jesus has never lost a case. And the Judge is His Father, and our Father. And God _____ this defender.

But before He accepts you as a client, you have to _____ to Him your guilt.

Everyone that the divine defense attorney represents before God is a confessed felon.

And our defense attorney is more than just our defender.

God chose Christ not only to be our advocate, but He chose Him to be our _____.

Our names are being dragged before the bar of God all the time by the enemy who's always accusing us before God, and the interceding advocate, the Lord Jesus Christ, is ever living to take our case and to reiterate that He has paid for all our sins.

God demonstrated to us His righteousness in the death of Jesus Christ.

Other scriptures cited: 1 John 1:8, 10; Rev. 12:10; Matt. 10:28; Luke 12:5; Amos 5:18-20; Zeph. 1:15-18; 2 Thess. 1:8-10; Micah 7:18-19; Heb. 7:25, 26; 1 John 1:9; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24; Isa. 53:6, 10, 11, 5; 1 Thess. 1:10; Rom. 3:21-22, 25, 26