

# the Heart of Christ

for SINNERS and SUFFERERS

Sunday, November 14, 2021 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

## Matthew 11:29 (ESV)

<sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

## Hebrews 7:22-25 (ESV)

<sup>22</sup> This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. <sup>23</sup> The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, <sup>24</sup> but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup> Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

## 1 John 2:1-2 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup> He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

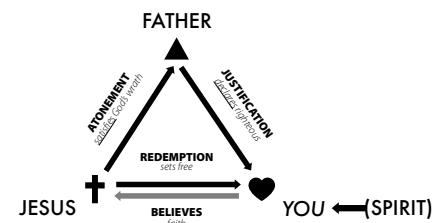
## Part 4 | He Lives to Intercede

Hebrews 7:22-25; 1 John 2:1-2

### Jesus saves to the UTTERMOST

**completely** Hebrews 7:25a

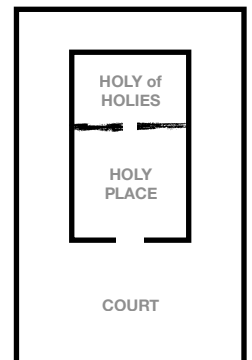
**continually** Hebrews 7:25b



### by INTERCEDING

**mediating** 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 9:24

**praying** John 14-16



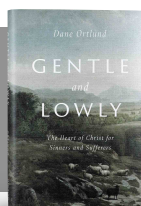
### and ADVOCATING for us!

**silencing every accusation** Hebrews 9:24; Romans 8:33-34

**no other defense** Revelation 12:10-11

#### Gentle and Lowly

This series is based in large part on insights from the book *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund.



**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card at the Connect Desk.

**Use this guide for further personal and group study this week.** For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this as a guide for further study and growth personally.

## Getting Started

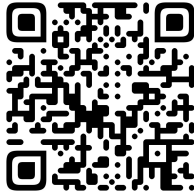
Part of our goal together is getting to know more about one another.  
*What is something on your bucket list you haven't been able to complete yet?*

**Review your message notes.** What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it as a group.

## Video Primer

We've purchased a video series for use by your Life Group that accompanies this series. Before jumping into the study questions, open the camera on your phone or tablet and point it at the QR code below. Tap the link it reveals to load the video.

**Note:** If your camera app doesn't show a link, search your AppStore for a free QR code reader app to use the code below.



Session 4

## Digging Deeper

**Read Hebrews 7:11-28.** Note any key observations below.

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1. Do you think much about what Jesus is doing right now?
2. What is "intercession"?
3. What does it mean that Jesus intercedes for us? How does that calm and reassure you right now? Do you think that doctrine is neglected today? Why?
4. What is the relationship between intercession, justification, and atonement?
5. Have you realized that, if you are in Christ, he himself is praying for you? How does this transform or strengthen your own prayer life?

**Read John 2:1-6.** Jot down anything that is striking to you.

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6. What is the difference between an intercessor and an advocate? Why is Christ's role as both important?
7. What does an advocate do?
8. What are some truths about Jesus the advocate, as taught in 1 John 2:1?
9. What's the significance of the word, "propitiation" in v.2?
10. Why do you need an advocate? How does Christ's advocacy impact your life?

## Closing Thought

Is there some way in your heart right now that you are defending yourself, which God is calling you to lay down and to rest completely on the advocacy of Jesus Christ on your behalf?

Take time to pray for one another.

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## Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

### Word Find for Romans 8:32-34 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>31</sup> What **then** shall we say to these **things**? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not **spare** his own Son but **gave** him up for us all, how will he not **also** with him **graciously give** us all **things**? <sup>33</sup> Who shall **bring** any **charge** against God's **elect**? It is God who **justifies**. <sup>34</sup> Who is to **condemn**? **Christ Jesus** is the one who **died**—**more** than that, who was **raised**—who is at the **right hand** of God, who **indeed** is **interceding** for us.