

# He Ever Makes Intercession

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To intercede means to mediate, intervene on someone's behalf, negotiate or arbitrate for another...The Greek word has a **root meaning** which further explains or reveals the work of someone who intercedes or makes intercession that is **"To make someone hit the mark!"**

Consider that sin has the definition of falling short of the **mark** or **to miss the mark!** We all fall short of God's glory; we miss His glory. We all know inside, in our nature, that we can't measure up; **we are not good enough** and are far from perfection. When it comes to God's holiness, righteousness, and justice we have no chance of being in His presence with sin on our own. We cannot be in relationship, fellowship, and in His presence for His holiness would destroy us by bringing judgment upon us. No sin can be in His presence...we are all often hit by sin from this or that source we all know the pain it causes!

## We Need A Savior To Intercede For Us!

We must have someone to intervene between us and God. We must have someone to mediate and intercede so that God's holiness and justice does not destroy us. It is like one of us trying to hold an electric wire with electricity running through it without insulation. We'd die immediately. In our sin condition we cannot

come in contact with God; however, in Christ our sin is **removed** completely therefore we can be joined to the Lord.

We have all recognized **Jesus Christ's atonement** covering our transgressions and taking away our reproach. Jesus took upon Himself God's judgment of sins for the whole world. He paid for everyone's sin consequences and brought peace between us and God. That is the meaning of this passage:

Isa 53:12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, **and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**

We know that God has dealt with our sin and removed it from us as far as the east is from the west. He has told us that he'll remember our sins no more. Jesus took upon Himself the punishment, the wrath, the transgressions, and payment for all our sin. ***We know this as a fundamental truth of the gospel.***

### ***However There Is Far More...To Intercession!***

***There is this apparent conflict*** because the scriptures teach us that Jesus **died once and for all** making everyone who believes ***perfect forever***. His substitution on our behalf (His intercession) bore our banishment for all time and then sat down at the right hand of the Father. He is our High Priest representing us to God forever ***but He doesn't offer Himself continuously for sin*** as the Levitical Priesthood had to offer sacrifices continuously.

Heb 10:12 But this Man, after He had offered **one sacrifice for sins forever**, sat down at the right hand of God,

Heb 10:14 for by one offering **he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.**

In sitting down at the right hand that **shows His position of complete favor and acceptance** with authority to rule and reign with God the Father. The scripture testifies that Jesus being our High Priest and offering Himself as the **Lamb of God**, being the Son of God, took the full measure of sin upon Himself and yet although He died He did not cease to exist. He was not burned and turned into ashes as the offerings of the Old Testament. He rose from the dead demonstrating that His sacrifice was not consumed by the wrath of God. **It demonstrated that His offering was greater than the judgment against sin.** In rising from the dead He took all of it and conquered death itself—completely satisfying God. Therefore the passage again reads:

Heb 7:25 Therefore He is also able to save to the **uttermost** those who come to God through Him, since **He always lives to make intercession for them.**

He is able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him...meaning that we are completely saved with **no residue or remaining elements** in our spirit that have been made a **new creation** (II Cor. 5:17). This is a complete work and as He said on the cross **"It is finished"** having made intercession sat down signifying that there is **no more to be done—in regards to sin.** He finished the judgment of the law against sinners.

The conflict arises because the verse continues with “He always lives to make intercession for them.” This strongly implies that the work of intercession continues always. ***Is it done or is it continuing? Does it continue because we continue to sin?***

In another place:

Heb 8:6 But now He has obtained ***a more excellent ministry***, inasmuch as He is also **Mediator of a better covenant**, which was established on better promises.

This mediation ***is a ministry that intercedes, arbitrates, and intervenes***, on our behalf a new and greater covenant based on greater promises. This has been established in His atonement in His blood, and makes Him Lord, governor, High Priest and Mediator of all who come to God through Him. It is finished in regards to the law **but it is ongoing forever in His person for us in the new covenant**. There is in other words ***intercession that is ongoing for all of us as we live in Him***—therefore there is more.

**What is that ongoing intercession?** It is **not** about our sin for that is taken away. Consider this ministry of the Holy Spirit:

Ro 8:26 ***Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses***. 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.

Ro 8:27 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***.

These verses state that intercession ***is going on now for the saints because of our weaknesses***. We don't know what we

should pray for as we ought but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us **helping to make up the difference according to the Will of God.**

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, they are one and therefore we can see that **intercession is constantly occurring (not to do away with sin) to help strengthen us in our weaknesses!**

Our weaknesses are revealed in scripture in some of the following ways:

1) **We don't know how to pray as we ought** (Rom. 8:26)

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. **For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought**, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us...

2) **When we lack wisdom** (James 1:5)

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

3) **When we are tempted** (Heb 4:15)

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* **tempted as we are, yet without sin.**

4) **We forget** (II Pet. 1:9)

For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and **has forgotten** that he was cleansed from his old sins.

5) **We walk after the flesh** (Ga 5:17)

For the flesh lusts against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

6) **I Believe Help my unbelief!** (Mr 9:24)

And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

**Jesus As Our Constant Intercessor!**

Jesus in us ever lives to make intercession for us through the grace of God **to always hit the mark!** In our walk in the Spirit, as we accept His grace, as we embrace and focus on His love for us and **abide in that love**; we have an advocate, an intercessor, someone who comes along side of us to **make up the difference (overcome our weaknesses)** in our faith to help us hit the mark of God's perfection.

**If we believe** that Jesus is in us, with us, sent to ever live and make intercession for us, then **He intervenes** when our weaknesses would cause us to fall short—this means as Christians. He has already provided all things that pertain to life **AND GODLINESS** (II Pet. 1:1-3) to us who believe! Jesus said:

Mr 9:23 "If you can believe, **all things are possible to him who believes.**"

When most of us read this we think well that sounds amazing but to think **that I would actually believe enough** for all things to be possible is *out of my league*. I will never have enough belief for all things to be possible to me, I'm too weak...**that is very true for everyone who believes, believing is upon us.** However, **under grace** that is changed because Jesus is telling us that **if we can believe in Him, our intercessor**, that He makes up the difference and causes us to hit the mark of God's perfection in every way, **He ever lives to make intercession for the saints in believing!**

He is seated at the right hand of the Father having taken away our sins; now, He makes intercession on our behalf to make up the difference **causing our faith to be His faith!** He is with us, the great I AM, and being convinced (established and certain of

His ministry for us) in our heart that He has intervened in our weakness of faith or conflict against unbelief, **we can stand boldly and confidently because it is not *on us* anymore even to have enough believing.**

When ***we see Him*** in His ***intercessory role*** in our life because of grace in what He's done for us, we are in faith, and we are in ***enough*** believing! ***Nothing is impossible for us to believe God for*** because ***all*** we need to know **is God's will on the matter** and be bold enough to act upon it. Jesus makes up any lack having come to our aide to make up what we may be missing—***if we believe He is OUR INTERCESSOR!***

Heb. 7: 25 says, He is ***“able to save to the uttermost”*** this means not only are we eternally cleansed from all sin but we are ***saved to any and every possible area of weakness! Today is the day of salvation! Today I have helped you!***

*2Co 6:2 For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*

We need help just to believe and He has helped us saving us to every parcel of our being. We are saved from unbelief, we are saved from weak faith, and we are saved from our lack of boldness, because **His love has been poured out into our hearts** (Rom. 5:5), His Spirit has been given to us, AND He ever lives to mediate on our behalf ***to believe.***

**We are to believe that His grace and role as our ever living intercessor in life means He helped us believe! It is His**

faith, His Peace, His grace, His Spirit, and His believing all making up the difference from our condition to hit the mark of God's condition. We do this by faith that God has helped us in every area...so go in His name and declare and command God's will be done because ***it doesn't rest on our believing alone***...He makes up the difference—He intercedes for us...He goes with us because He is in us not just to watch but to help us overcome!

His grace is sufficient!

I Co 12:9 And He said to me, "***My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.***"

Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, ***that the power of Christ may rest upon me.***"

We use our authority as human beings being born into this earth but we use His Spirit, His grace, and His power by believing ***He is ever living to intervene to help us get it done.*** The word "Perfect" ***means to add what is missing to bring it fullness!*** God's grace is made completely manifest in our weaknesses...

I think of training wheels that a son uses on His bike. A father walks, runs, holding onto the bike providing ***whatever is needed*** for his son to ride that bike. The father is ever living to intercede with enough power, stability, encouragement, and practice to make sure his son learns to ride. ***As we grow in confidence*** in believing Jesus' grace on our behalf we may not need the training wheels forever, but He never leaves us nor forsakes us. He'll never let us fall or tumble, He always makes up the difference needed to get the job done.

**We Get What We Believe!**

We are to believe this, we are to be certain of His role on our behalf and begin to operate in this truth...the only thing holding it back is our ignorance, our lack of believing He is interceding in this way always. If we can believe (in Jesus as our intercessor) all things are possible! I'm not able *on my own* but knowing that He is mediating and making up what I lack, all things are possible...

Jesus has provided it all **even all things that pertain to Godliness** (II Pet. 1:1-3)! We begin to stress and feel pressure as we place the burden back on us to believe! Remember this foundational verse:

Eph 2:8 **For by grace you have been saved through faith, and *that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,***

Even our faith, our believing is a gift of God! We don't work or earn a gift it is received and accepted! We accept our sinful condition that we cannot save ourselves in the least bit. If Jesus saves us to the uttermost then we have no power in the least to save ourselves or ***to take credit in believing!*** Even our faith, our believing is a gift to be accepted and received by and through our intercessor. What we do is obey the faith we are given. It is **obedience of faith** that responds to the truth that ALL of our weaknesses are mediated, arbitrated, and intervened for on our behalf by God's love in our Savior! He saved us to the uttermost!

When we live and move and have our being it is in Him! When we believe it is because His Word seeded in our heart has sprouted. We are the ground that the seed of belief grows in (Unbelief is the wrong seed that has grown in our heart). It takes

revelation knowledge, a work of the Spirit for our heart to believe and have faith!

Eph 2:10 **For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

We are His work, His making, His garden growing His faith and His believing! He ever tends to His garden (us) making intercession for us. He makes our garden grow! It is His seed, His word, His life in us and we REST in His workmanship! Amen. He makes up the difference bringing us into full grace! His gardening however is subject to our gardening having given us our heart. Our part is **obedience of faith**, protecting our heart (or our garden) for example as in weeding out bad seed so that good seed grows. When we embrace His intercessory role we believe right and it will produce in us right living.

## **Increase Our Faith!**

The apostles asked the Lord (Luke 17) "Increase our faith!" So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, **you can say** to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you..." Jesus said to them and to us, **to increase your faith obey!** Obey by using the faith we've been given and declare God's will into the world around us! We are doing our duty by declaring and commanding in Jesus' name! It is what God wants us to do! He is waiting for us to do our duty!

Luke 17: 10 "So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are

unprofitable servants. **We have done what was our duty to do.**"

Our Lord commands us to command in His name! He makes up for any weakness through His ministry of intercession on our behalf. **We can believe and trust Him**. If we obey and use our faith in His grace, taking our authority to have dominion; we will command and He will do it! We command demons to leave in His name, we say it, and He does it! We command sickness and disease to leave, we say it, and He does it! He ever lives to make intercession so that we never miss the mark. It is as we believe...

## **Conclusion:**

Jesus' intercessory role could be described as two-folded: the first part in taking away our sin; the second is ***becoming our life*** He strengthened us to the ***uttermost*** even to our ability to believe. We often see ourselves as Christians responsible to believe and we are; however, that believing is about us believing He has made up for our weaknesses and **walk in His strength by faith!** Most of us realize that the burden to believe God and thus all things be made possible, is beyond us; however, the grace of God has put Jesus in us to believe and make up for our weaknesses. By accepting the free gift of His believing in us we can stand and be bold trusting that ***our belief is not alone it is mixed with His believing...amen!***