



We Need to Pray *Series*
(*Phil. 4:4-7*)
Jesus' Intercessors (*Part 3*)
(*2 Cor. 5:17-19*)

- I. When a person is born again into the Kingdom of God, immediately they are enrolled in the ministry of reconciliation.
 - A. God reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ.
 - a. Reconcile means a change that occurs mutually.
 - B. God gave us the ministry (attendant or servant) of reconciliation (adjustment, atonement, or restoration of divine favor)
 - C. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself.
 - a. God was **NOT** imputing (taking inventory, counting, numbering) their sins.
 - D. God has committed unto us the word of reconciliation.
 - a. Word (logos) - to set forth a systematic subject or reasoning with words.¹
- II. Definition of intercession - the action of intervening on behalf of another; an individual who act as an intermediary between two parties, to bring about a reconciliation.
 - A. Intercession involves delegation, authority, and representation.
- III. Adam was supposed to *re-present* God on earth.
 - A. He was supposed to manage, govern, and rule on behalf of God.
 - B. God told Adam what He wanted and Adam re-presented Him to the rest of the earth.
 - C. Adam was an intermediary or intercessor for God.

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- IV. When Adam failed, Jesus the Christ was sent to earth by the Father, to re-present God on the earth. Jesus became the intercessor between God and man. *(John 1:18)*
- A. No one has seen (*ho-ra-ō*) God - to discern clearly, experience, or perceive.²
 - B. Jesus declared (*ex-ē-ge-o-mai*) - to rehearse, unfold, or tell.³
 - a. This Greek word has the same meaning as our English word ex-e-gete or ex-e-ge-sis, which means to give an explanation or interpretation of a text, especially the bible.
 - C. A young child was drawing a picture and his teacher said, “that is an interesting picture, tell me about it”. The child said, “it is a picture of God”. The teacher said, “but no one knows what God looks like”. The young child stated, “they will when I get through with it”.
 - D. Jesus came to draw us a picture of God, so that we would know what God looks like.
- V. Man, who initially was supposed to be God’s intercessor or representative; now needed someone to represent and mediate for him.
- A. Not only did Christ represent God to man, but He represent man to God. Jesus was the advocate for both sides. *(Heb. 3:1 - Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus)*

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- B. Jesus is the Apostle—sent one to humanity, and He is the High Priest—representative of humanity to God.
 - C. Christ's intercession was not a prayer, even though He prayed. His intercession was a work of mediation that He did.
- VI. His work now is to be a mediator and advocate. *(1 Tim. 2:5 - For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus) (1 John 2:1 - My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous)*
- A. Jesus says that now, we should ask the Father in His name. *(John 16:26 - At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you)*
 - B. We are now asking in Jesus' Name. He is interceding so that we can pray.
- VII. The Father wants to release His glory through our hands. *(Mat. 14:17-19)*
- A. Because of Jesus intercession, we can be God's hand extended. We are the body of Christ. The intercessor wants us to intercede through us.
 - B. The Minister of Reconciliation, has given to us the ministry of reconciliation. *(2 Cor. 5:18-19)*
 - C. Jesus needs humans on the earth to re-present Him the same way that the Father needed Jesus to re-present Him. Jesus was the Father's human and we are Jesus' humans. *(John 20:21 - Then said Jesus to them again,*



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Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.)

- VIII. We as Jesus representatives are His sent ones. Sent ones only have authority as long as they represent the sender.
- A. Jesus was a sent one, that's why He had authority. He received His authority from the Father.
 - B. Jesus wasn't doing the work, the Father who sent Him was doing the Work. (*John 14:10 - Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works*)
 - C. The same is true of us. Our authority comes from Jesus, who sent us. We act on behalf of Him and in His name.
- IX. In the Kingdom of God, we're not in the production department, we are in the distribution department.
- A. He is the generator, we are the distributors.
 - B. We are co-laborers with Him. (*1 Cor. 3:9 - For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.*)