***Christ Our******Intercessor***

 *A Brief Commentary*

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*Romans 8:34,35 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. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

A very precious truth for Christians. Our Lord Jesus Christ **died** for our sins and **rose** for our **justification**, and now **lives** to make **intercession** for us. Unsaved have no hope or assurance like this.

In John 17:9 Our Lord prayed to The Father for his disciples*:*

*I pray for them: I pray not for the world,* ***but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.***

**Note:** He did not pray for the unsaved, Verse 9 "***I pray not for the world*"** He prayed for His own.

**But also He prayed for more:**

*John 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone,* ***but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;***

That is you and I, we who have believed on Him through His Word*,* we also, are included in His intercessory prayer.

*John 17:21-24 That they* ***all may be one****; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also* ***may be one in us****:* ***that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.***  *And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am;* ***that they may******behold my glory****, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before of the foundation world.*

**What was His prayer?**

**First He prays for our security**. Then He prays for us as individuals in the Church. (His Body) That we should know that God loves us, and be united as a Church body **beholding** the Glory of God, and seeing His Glory **through the love He has imparted to us and our love for each other as Christians.**

*John 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee.* ***Holy******Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me****,* ***that they may be one,******as we are.***

Then He prays that we may have **victory** over sin and the devil.

*John 17:15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world,* ***but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.***

Because He has **interceded for us**, and Saved us, He wants us to remain in this world to be a **witness** for Him, but He wants us **safe** from evil.

**How can we overcome evil?**

By daily feeding on God’s Word an yielding our lives in complete trust to Him, **Just a closer walk with Him.**

*Galatians 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh*.

*John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

**How are we sanctified?**

Through God's Word, walking in the truth.

 *I John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another,* ***and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.***

This of course is not complete sanctification, for as long as we are in this sinful world, our lives are tainted with sin, But praise God when He takes us home to be with Him, we shall be glorified with Him and sin will no longer be present with us.

**He also prays for true unity of believers**:

*John 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.*

Our love for each other as Christians should show openly as well as privately. The world should be able to see Christ in our lives. Where there is bickering or problems within the body of believers, unity is destroyed.

**Also He prays for our Glorification**:

That takes place when we go to be with Him, whether it's through death, or if He comes while were still alive and takes us home. He is praying here, for what will take place later.

*John 17:24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me,* ***be with me where I am****; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ is our Intercessor, (Lawyer) and He has **never** lost a case, He prays these prayers to the Father **on our behalf**, and The Father has **never** failed to **grant** His requests.

 *1John 5:8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood:* ***and these three agree in one****.*

The very middle verse in the Bible says**:**

*It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence* *in man.* *Psalm 118:8*

Certainly there is no salvation to those who trust in man. But if we trust in God we have many promises, promises which He will not fail to keep.

**The apostle Paul declares in:**

*2 Timothy 1:12: For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for* ***I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have******committed unto him against that day****.*

**How can we know we are saved?**

*1John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God;* ***that ye may know*** *that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*

*John 14:21: He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*

**What are His commandments?** We are not referring to the Old Testament Law here. **We are to Love one another:**

*John 13:34: A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.*

If we love Him we will love one another, and **if we love Him it is because we are loved of** **Him.** and if we love Him we are loved of the father. These things are expected of us because of His **intercession and salvation** and rightfully so, for we owe Him our very life.

 *Romans 12:1,2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and* *acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

*1 Corinthians 16:22 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.*

Anathema means (Accursed) Maranatha means Our Lord has come, an exclamation of the approaching Divine judgement. So if a man does not love Our Lord let him be judged.

If we really love Our Lord, loving one another should not be difficult. We have faults, and it is easy to see other's faults, but we must love them anyway. Remember **God loved us while we were still lost sinners**, enough to die for us.

*Romans 5:8: But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

Certainly if God could love us in our sinful condition, we should be able to love our fellow Christians. Those whom He has chosen for us to spend eternity with.

*Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;* ***who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross****,* ***despising the shame****, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

*1Peter 3:22 Who is gone into heaven,* ***and is on the right hand of God;*** *angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.*

Our Lord’s prayer to The Father in Heaven in John Chapter 17 was only part of His intercession for us. Dying on the cross and shedding His blood was the ultimate intercessory act for us.

The Apostle Paul said in *1Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.*

Paul considered himself the chief of sinners, but remember you and I had not been born yet!!

**Be kind and forgiving*:***

*Ephesians 4:32: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted,* ***forgiving one* *another,*** *even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

**Be humble:**

*I Peter 5:5: Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder.* ***Yea, all of you be subject one to another,*** *and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.*

How should we be subject one to another, or be humble toward them? If I am doing something that offends a loved one, I should be willing to quit that which is offending. That is being subject to that person.

**Preferring one another:** (rather than unsaved)

*Romans 12:10: Be kindly affectioned one to another* *with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;*

**Serve one another:**

*Galatians 5:13: For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty* *for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.*

We are to show love to one another and assemble with each other to worship.

*Hebrews 10:24,25 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

**Bear one another's burden:**.

*Galatians 6:2: Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of* *Christ.*

**Comfort and edify one another:**

*I Thessalonians 5:11: Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.*

In order to edify one another we must ourselves stay in God's word daily.When we do these things we are blessed of God. And let us remember all blessings come through Christ our saviour and intercessor.

**Our redemption is in Christ:**

Romans 3:24 *Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:*

**Our Security is in Christ:**

Romans 8:38,*39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**We are glorified in Christ:**

Ephesians *2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*

**Our promise of life is in Christ:**

*2Timothy 1:1* *Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus*,

**God’s grace to us is in Christ**:

*2 Timothy* *2:1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.*

**We are made a new Creature in Christ:**

*Ephesians 2:10:* *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them*.

Before we can be assured of any of these things, we must repent of our sin and ask God for forgiveness. He has promised to save all who will come to Him.

*John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*

Loving God and our neighbor is **evidence of that salvation**. Are you saved today? Do you know, if you died today that you would go to Heaven?

Christ is our **Intercessor,** our **Saviour,** our **Redeemer**. Fall on your knees before Him today, and ask for forgiveness and salvation.

*John 3:16-18 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

This salvation is a promise of God who cannot lie.

*Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God,* ***that cannot lie,*** *promised before the world began;*