

Lesson 48

## Pictures of Jesus

# *Our Defender*



*When we have sinned, we can run to Jesus to save us from the anger of God the Father. Jesus died to save us from sin and eternal punishment. Jesus is like a great fortress that we can take shelter in and be safe. There is a very famous song called “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” that talks about how God is able to protect us from anything Satan can try to do to hurt us. Faith in Jesus as our Savior also protects us from God the Father’s anger over sin and gives us a safe home now and in heaven.*

1 John 2:1 |

**“If anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense - Jesus Christ the Righteous One.”**

We know that Jesus is our Savior. When Jesus died on the cross He paid the punishment for all of our sins. Jesus washed us clean with His blood shed on the cross.

Jesus did not stop loving and helping us when He returned to heaven. The love of God never stops. Every day of our lives Jesus defends us from the punishment we deserve for our sins.

When we sin, God the Father becomes angry with us. God is perfect and cannot allow sin to go unpunished. When God the Father wants to punish us for our sins, Jesus speaks for us. Jesus tells God the Father that we have sinned but that He has been punished for those sins. Jesus took our sins on Himself and paid for them on the cross. Because of what Jesus did, God the Father sees that our sins have been punished and He is not angry with us anymore.

If Jesus did not suffer and die for our sins and keep defending us for the sins we still do, we would be punished severely by God the Father. We could never go to heaven if Jesus did not save us from our sins.

Salvation is a wonderful gift that God the Father gives to us through His Son Jesus. All we need to do in order to receive this gift is believe that Jesus is our Savior. Jesus did what we could not do and that is to pay for our sins. Faith in Jesus guarantees our forgiveness for our sins and our place in heaven one day.

We should always be thankful that we have a powerful Defender speaking for us. If we did not have Jesus to defend us, we would really be in trouble.

#### PRAYER TIME

We thank you Jesus for taking away our sins. Thank you for defending us when we sin so that God the Father will forgive us. Help us to turn away from sin and live the way You taught us in the Bible. Give us the faith to believe in You as our Savior. Amen