

What is Jesus doing right now?  
Interceding for us.

*Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Rom 8:34*



## Christ Is Praying For You

### Chapter 8 Unshakable Hope

Have you ever considered Christ Jesus interceding (praying) for you?

Have you ever prayed for someone else? If you have then you have taken part in intercession.

Considering how fervently we can pray for other people, how does this help you understand what it means for Christ to intercede for you?



In Jesus' day, where most people were subsistence farmers, finding a labor-free, inexhaustible *food supply* would be considered quite amazing. And that's the drawing power of Jesus' miracle of the loaves and fishes, feeding 5,000 men, plus women and children. Perhaps that's why it's Jesus' only miracle that appears in all four gospels.

In one sense, however, it is more a lesson for the disciples' and believers' benefit than for the crowds that were fed.

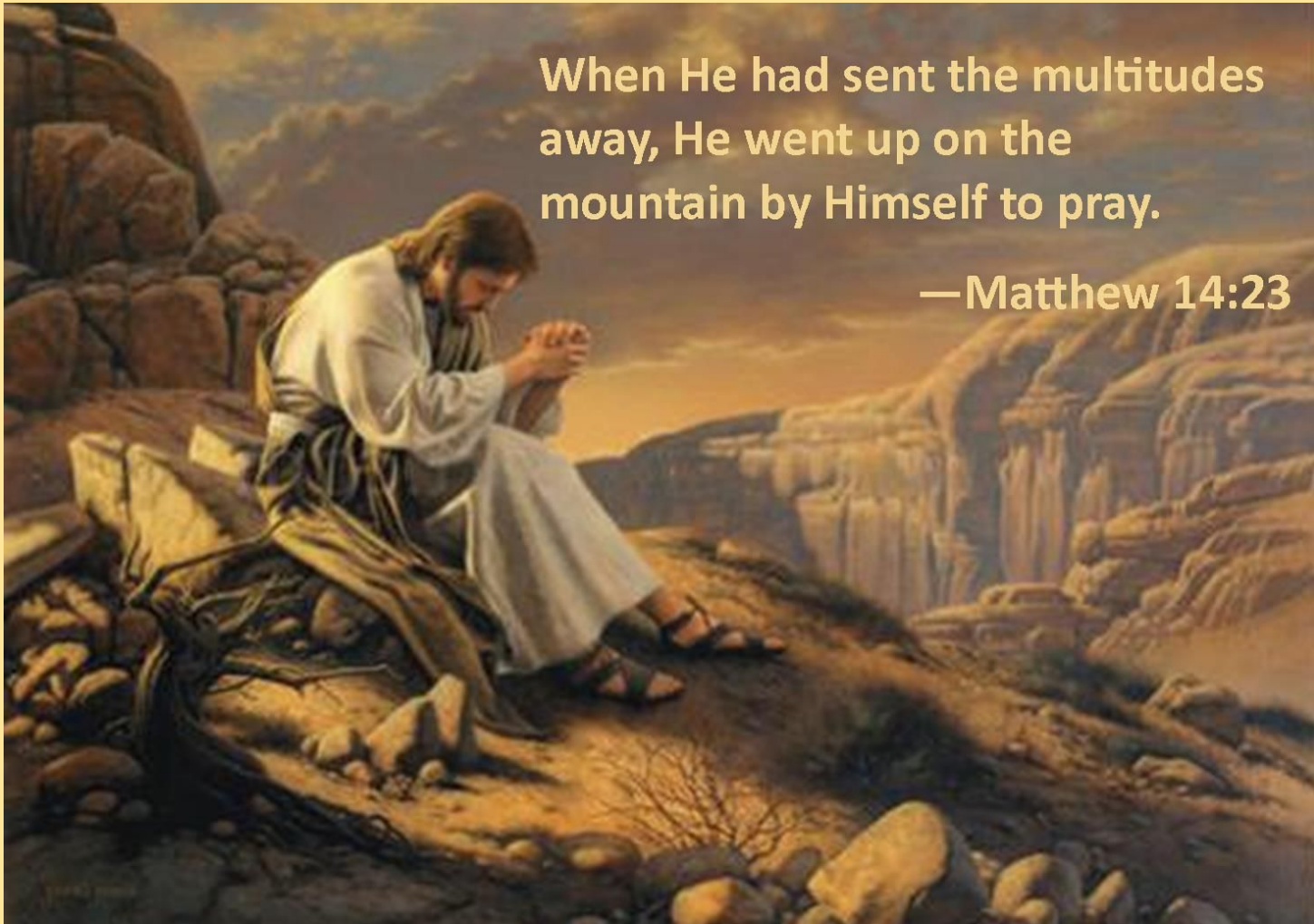
What are some of the ways that Jesus interceded for the disciples in this account?

What are some of the ways that Jesus interceded for the crowds in this story?



**When He had sent the multitudes  
away, He went up on the  
mountain by Himself to pray.**

**—Matthew 14:23**





Jesus has gone up a mountain to pray while the disciples row across the lake. He does not forget them, but from his high ground keeps an eye on their plight. All the time they are struggling with the waves, Jesus has his eyes on them.



What are the ways that Jesus interceded for the disciples here?

How does it affect your view of God to know that storms come into the lives of even those who are obedient to Him?

Why did Jesus' calming of the storm lead the disciples to worship Him?



Think of a “storm” you have been in or perhaps are in right now - a difficult time in your life with dark waters and threatening winds. Did you believe Jesus was interceding for you with the Father during that time? If so, how did it affect the way you dealt with the storm? If not, how could it have changed the way you walked through that difficult time?





# Jesus High Priestly Prayer John 17

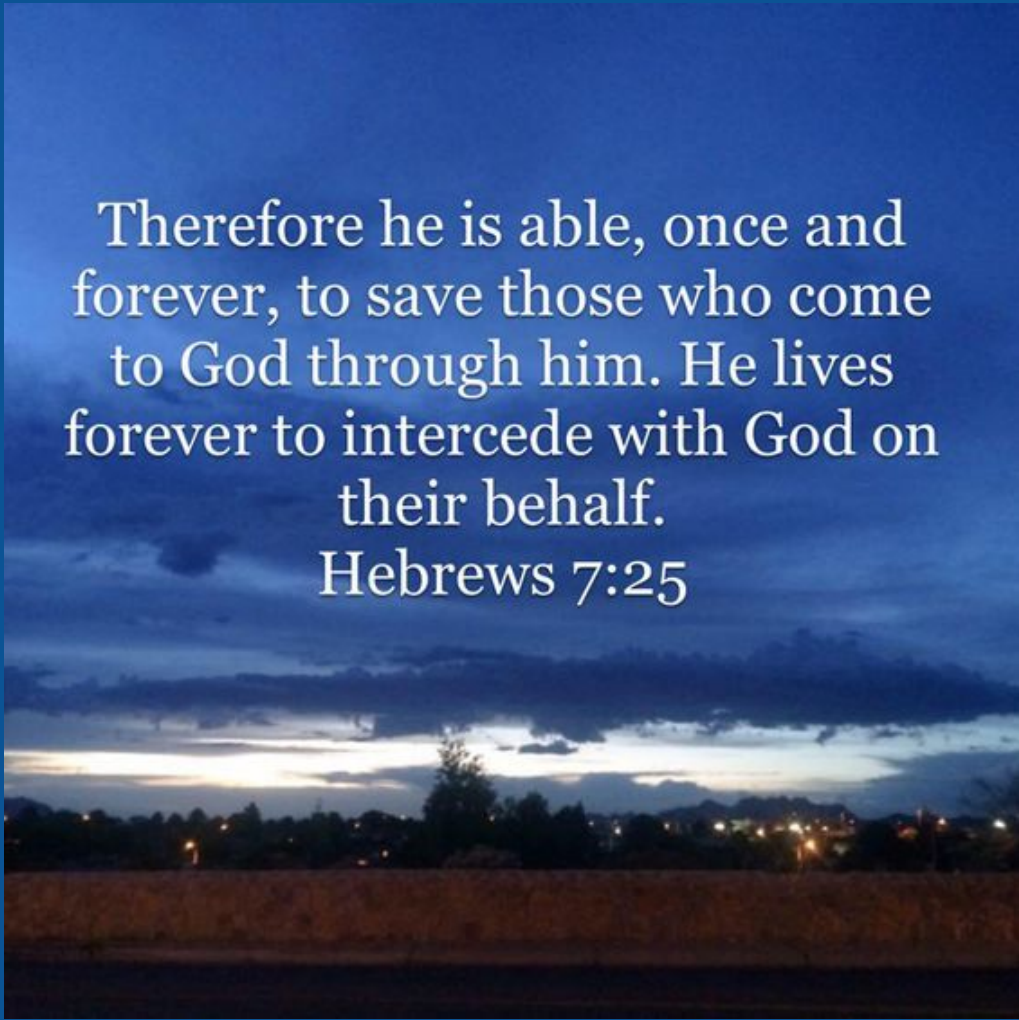
**THAT THEY MAY BE ONE EVEN AS WE ARE ONE**

*I am no longer in the world; and yet  
they themselves are in the world,  
and I come to You Holy Father,  
keep them in Your name,  
the name which You  
have given Me*

John 17:11

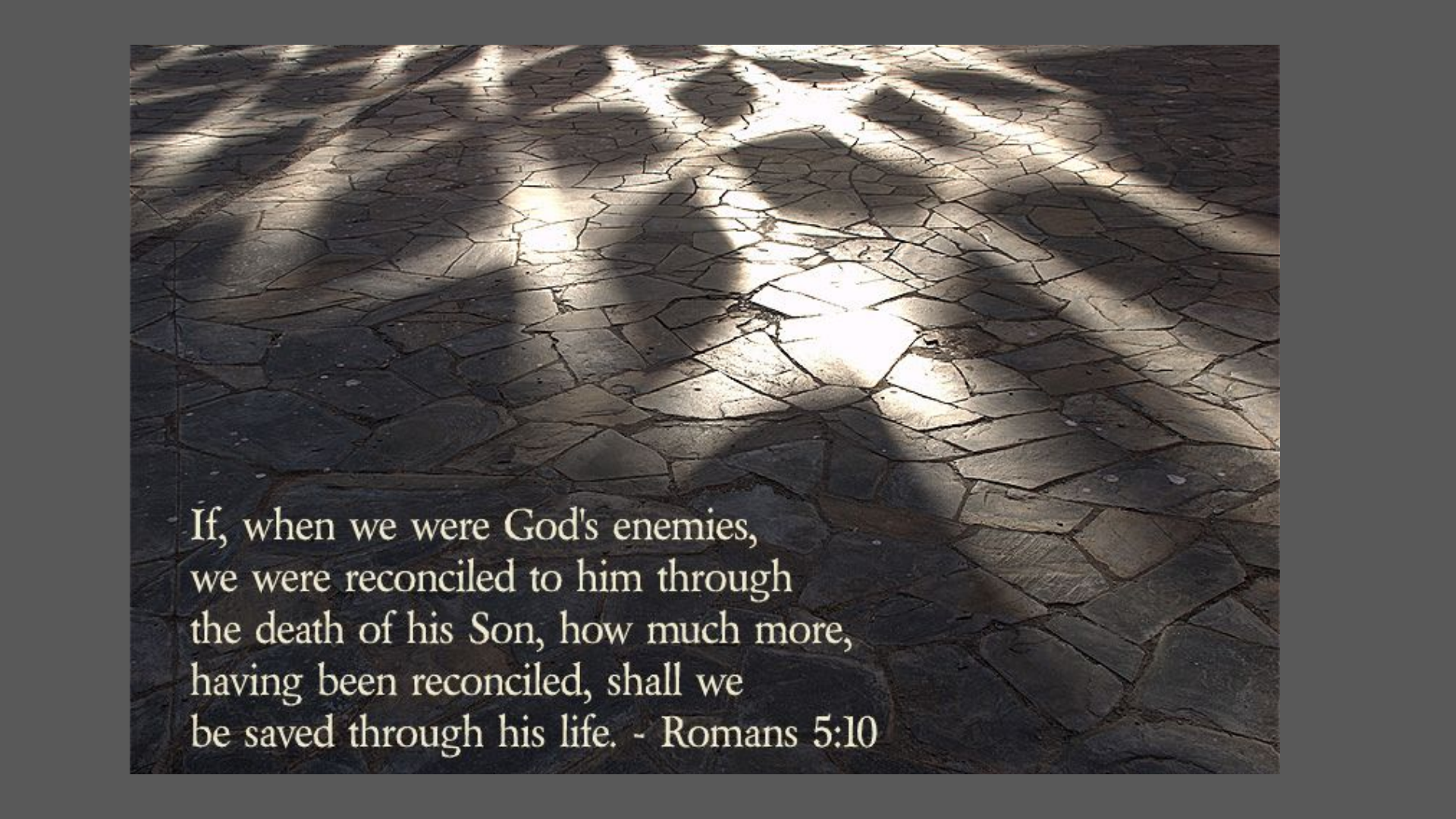
## Christ's prayer for us

- Know God and His Son (v3)
- Be protected from apostasy (v11)
- Be one in spirit as the Father and Son are one (v11)
- Be filled with His joy (v13)
- Be kept from the evil one (v15)
- Be sanctified through God's Word (v17)
- Remain unified in Christ throughout the generations (v 20-21)
- Let our love convey Christ's message to the world (v23)
- Join Him in heaven for all eternity (v24)
- Experience the same kind of love for each other that the Father and Son share (V26)

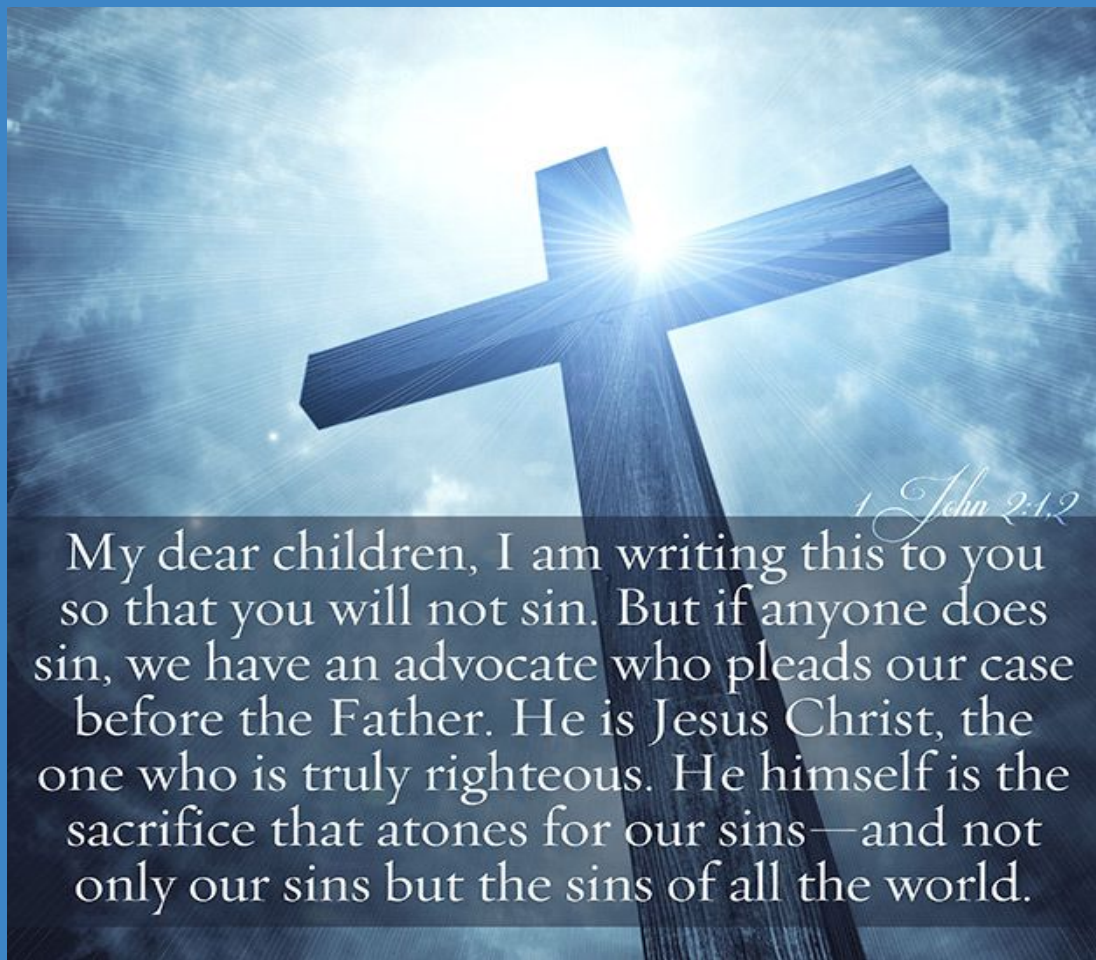


Therefore he is able, once and  
forever, to save those who come  
to God through him. He lives  
forever to intercede with God on  
their behalf.

Hebrews 7:25

A photograph of a stone floor with irregular, dark grey tiles. Sunlight filters through from above, creating a series of bright, elongated patches of light on the floor. The shadows of people walking are cast across the floor, appearing as dark, elongated shapes that move from the top towards the bottom of the frame. The overall atmosphere is dramatic and contemplative.

If, when we were God's enemies,  
we were reconciled to him through  
the death of his Son, how much more,  
having been reconciled, shall we  
be saved through his life. - Romans 5:10



*1 John 2:12*

My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ.

He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

2 Corinthians 1:20-22