

## The God On Your Side

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### 1 John 2:1 (KJV)

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:

" The description of the Holy Spirit as "Paraclete" is unique to the Gospel of John (14:16, 26; 15:26; and 16:7). Here, in the only other use of the word in the NT, it is Jesus, not the Spirit, who is described as παράκλητος (paraklhto)". " ( NetBible.org notes on 1 John 2 )

Isn't this fascinating. Here in this passage written by John, it is Jesus whom is now considered the Paraclete or Advocate. Not the Holy Spirit that is mentioned throughout the Book of John. Jesus himself is our intimate Advocate and friend. Now I don't know about you, but I consider that a real encouragement. For it shows me how our Lord isn't afraid to " get his hands dirty ", and recognizes the potential that is in your life for good.

He is our Advocate and friend. We are not alone in the trials we go through in this life. He is the ultimate Lawyer, whose never lost a case and who wants to help you to see the untapped gifts that He has seen in you since the beginning of time. He is the God on your side. Won't you allow Him to be your Advocate today, and trust in His Mercy and Grace. Call upon Him if you will. He's just waiting for you to open your heart's door.

I see to many people struggle alone, or wonder if God even cares. Don't be one of those whom shut the door on His Grace. Give Him the chance to show you how much He cares for you. Cast your cares upon Him, allow His love to surround you. Don't become another statistic! Remember, " He Is The God On Your Side. "