

**Christ – Our Advocate**  
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**What is an Advocate?**

- Someone who pleads the cause of another

**Christ declares he is our advocate**

- D&C 45:3  
"Listen to him who is *the advocate with the Father...*"
- D&C 29:5  
" Lift up your hearts and be glad, for I am in your midst, and am *your advocate with the Father,...*"
- D&C 110:4  
" I am the first and the last; I am he who liveth, I am he who was slain; *I am your advocate with the Father.*"

**Why do we need an Advocate?**

- Because we have sinned and are not worthy of Eternal Life

**How does Christ as our advocate differ than other advocates?**

- D&C 45:3-5  
" Listen to him who is the advocate with the Father, who is pleading your cause before him—  
Saying: Father, *behold the sufferings and death of him who did no sin, in whom thou wast well pleased; behold the blood of thy Son which was shed, the blood of him whom thou gavest that thyself might be glorified;*  
*Wherefore, Father, spare these my brethren that believe on my name, that they may come unto me and have everlasting life.*"
- Christ is pleading our case based on His (Christ's) merits and not on our merits.
  - The condition is not our innocence but rather our belief in Christ and what follows from that belief

- An advocate in a court of law would plead a case based on our merits