

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## The Court of Heaven – Jesus Is Our Justice May 13, 2025 Mya Edwards

In my life I had to go to court a few times. Once they call your case number then you enter the court with your lawyer by your side if you hired one. There is a gate that separates you from the judge. The lawyer speaks on your behalf first and then if the judge decides to ask you questions then you are allowed to answer. The judge sits up high above everyone else with a gavel in front of him, jurors on the left of him. The gavel is used to begin or end a meeting. An indication that something is sold or there is a verdict.

*Exousia* means *authority, power, or the right to act* often used in Scripture to describe divine or legal authority. **Matthew 28:18** "All authority (*exousia*) in heaven and on earth has been given to me." This is the kind of authority a judge or king would have the kind of authority a gavel symbolizes today.

Some of those times I had to go to court were for juror duty and for one court case that I decided to fight a traffic ticket. I slid on ice and went through a red light.

### Your Position in the Courtroom

Too often, we live under guilt, shame, and fear as if our case hasn't been settled. But **Romans 8:33-34** reminds us: "Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies." Just as I won my case, you will win yours as well. You are not just a sinner trying to earn favor you are a child of God, covered by the righteousness of Christ. You don't come into the courtroom alone you come with Jesus, and your record has been expunged. In legal terms: If someone's criminal record is expunged, it means the offense is removed from public record. It's like the mistake or crime was officially forgiven and forgotten by the court. Now that is just on paper, but there could be people who knew about your crimes. They will remember.

In spiritual terms: When we say your record has been expunged in the Court of Heaven, we mean: God has completely erased all of your sins through Jesus Christ. He doesn't just forgive you, He removes the guilt from your record and doesn't hold it against you anymore. And he doesn't remember your sins anymore. **Psalms 103:12** says, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." **Hebrews 8:12** says, "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." Approach His throne not in fear, but in faith, knowing the Judge sees you through the righteousness of His Son. His Son, Jesus, went to court and had an injustice trial, but became the Justice!

### Jesus, Our Advocate and Righteous Defense

In **1 John 2:1**, we are told that when we sin, we have an Advocate – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. The Greek word used here for "advocate" is *parakletos*, meaning someone who stands beside you in court, defending your case. He's not just a lawyer; He's the Son of the Judge, and He already paid the penalty.

I was pulled over because of tinted windows. But the police officer claimed another person's name was on my license plate. Holy Spirit told me that the officer was searching for something to take me to jail, but the Father wasn't going to allow it. Did I purposely break the law? No, and apparently it has been a law in Michigan, but it is just now truly being enforced. Only ¼ of the front windows can be tinted without a medical documentation and permit. Back windows are allowed to be tinted.

I am not telling you to break the law. I am saying if you have good intentions and you happen to break the law, then rely on Jesus as your defender because He knows your heart. **Luke 16:15** says, "He said to them, 'You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts.' **Revelation 2:23** (TPT) says, "I am the one who thoroughly searches the most secret thoughts and the innermost being. I will give to each one what they deserve according to what they've done. Unlike human defenders, Jesus does not plead our innocence. He stands and declares, "Yes, they sinned but I paid the price. My blood is the evidence. My cross is the receipt. Justice has already been served." This is not just mercy, this is justice. God is not overlooking your sin; He has dealt with it fully in Christ. So, the gavel falls, not in condemnation, but in freedom.

### **The Reality of the Court of Heaven**

In the Heavenly realm, Scripture shows us that there is a courtroom – a place where spiritual transactions happen. In **Job 1**, Satan appears before God to accuse Job. In **Zechariah 3**, the high priest Joshua is accused by Satan, and the Lord rebukes him. The enemy, Satan, is described in **Revelation 12:10** as "the accuser of the brethren", constantly trying to build a case against God's children. But this courtroom is not like our earthly courts filled with uncertainty, fear, and intimidation. This is the throne room of perfect justice and mercy.

I had a supernatural experience in the court of heaven where satan was flying up towards the heavenlies and yelling, "No", right before the Trinity said to me, "Not guilty". **Revelation 12:10** "For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God, day and night, has been hurled down." **1 John 2:1** "But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father Jesus Christ, the Righteous One." **Hebrews 4:16** "Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence..." Let us: Worship boldly (**Hebrews 4:16**), Intercede confidently (Jesus is our High Priest), and walk righteously, not to earn justice, but to honor the One who gave it. The cross was not just an act of mercy it was a legal victory. Because of what Jesus has declared in the Court of Heaven, we live from the verdict, not for it. You don't strive for God's approval it's already been declared: The empty tomb is the declaration that you're **not guilty. We decide in your favor. Case dismissed.**

### **Prayer and Declaration**

Father, we thank you for an extraordinary victory, that the verdict is case dismissed, we are free to go! As we progress from faith to faith, we ascend daily into the positions and promotions ordained for us by the power of the Cross from the foundation of the world. Not just in the natural, but spiritually as well. We are honored that we have permission to talk and sit in your presence, our Father who sits on the high throne. We know conflicts will come, not because you have abandoned us, but because we are in this world and you are expanding your ultimate victory that will astound those who want us to fail. You love to show our enemies how wrong they are. We are on the ground you have chosen to demonstrate your power and unwavering commitment to our triumph in every situation.

We are engaging in battles that you, Father, have already defeated thousands of years ago. Let us not listen to empty threats but let us move forward in triumph advancement over all injustice and evil. Remind us Lord how adversity fears us! Because once we engage in the battle, he knows he can't continue.

Father, you made us warriors entering in your gates with thanksgiving and praise knowing we have the courts of Heaven defending us. Thank you for your Son, Jesus, who is our Justice!