

We are not always firm believers in truth, justice, and the American way. But we expect to be protected from those who are blatantly lawless. We see a somewhat standard view about lawyers, especially from television shows and in murder mysteries, who defend those who are murderers and thieves. By working to set them free (to continue in their crime) some people feel that they are on the same level (or worse) as the criminals that they defend. Just think about all of the lawyer jokes that abound to show how people feel about them.

I was pretty much of the same mind until one day not too long ago I saw a defense lawyer I knew. I was familiar with his work, and in fact he had helped me out of a pretty good jam. I believed that he was a good man who was legitimately trying to help people in trouble.

We greeted each other in a typical fashion and asked about each other's families. After we parted, I began to think about things a bit further. I realized that spiritually I am the same as those criminals that I was so quick to condemn. I am not just an innocent man who has been unfairly accused. I am guilty! And I am desperate for someone to save me (even though I continue to sin)!

Christ is our advocate that helps us through our trial. He is that lawyer that we have looked down on for so long! But now we are in trouble, and we see things from a totally different perspective. We my must thank God that He furnishes us a Defender that doesn't object to the fact that we are guilty.