

**The Intercession of Christ**  
The Belgic Confession, Article 26

**1. The Scripture: Romans 5:6-11**

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**2. The Doctrine**

- a. “We believe that we have no access unto God but alone through the only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ the righteous....”
  
- b. “Therefore it was only through distrust that this practice of dishonoring, instead of honoring, the saints was introduced....”
  
- c. “Let us not forsake Him to take another, or rather to seek after another, without ever being able to find Him; for God well knew, when He gave Him to us, that we were sinners.”

**3. The Use: “For there is no creature, either in heaven or on earth, who loves us more than Jesus Christ.”**

- a. Confidence (v. 9)
  
- b. Hope (v. 10)
  
- c. Joy (v. 11)