

# The God We Love

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The Character and Personality of God

Part 2

The Heart of The FATHER

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# Let's start with a prayer..

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. (Matt 6:9-13)



# Review: God Reveals Himself

- The Bible reveals a God who is ACTIVE
  - God as Creator
  - God is Spirit
  - God as Judge
  - God as King
  - God is Holy
  - God's Personality
    - Full of Compassion
    - True Compassion demands Justice
  - God calls us personally
- God is Revealed as Three Persons, yet One

# The God We Love

1. God Reveals Himself
- 2. Heart of the Father**
3. Only Begotten Son
4. Holy Spirit



# A. The Father Sent His Son

Our salvation is no accident!

Planned before the world began!

- God chose him (Jesus) as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days he has been revealed for your sake.

(1Peter 1:20)

# The Father Sent His Son

It all comes from the Father's love..

- For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.  
(John 3:16)



# The Father Sent His Son

See how the Father introduces His Son...

- When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Mat 3:16-17)

# The Father Sent His Son

## See how the Father endorses His Son...

- Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, **"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"** (Matt 17:1-5)



# B. The Father's Heart Toward Us

## The Father loves His creation

- What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. (Matt 10:29)

## How much more does he Love You...

- And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows. (Matt 10:30-31)
- If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!  
(Matt 7:11)

# The Father's Heart Toward Us

Our Father does not want us to perish!

- “If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others on the hills and go out to search for the one that is lost? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he will rejoice over it more than over the ninety-nine that didn’t wander away! In the same way, **it is not my heavenly Father’s will that even one of these little ones should perish.** (Matt 18:12-14)



# The Father's Heart Toward Us

Our Father wants to rescue us

- For the Son of Man has **come to save that which was lost.** (Matt 18:11)

But He wants to do More for us!

- But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. "Do not fear, little flock, for **it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.** (Luke 12:31-32)

## C. Jesus Reveals the Father

“My Father has entrusted everything to me. No one truly knows the Son except the Father, and **no one truly knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.**”  
(Matt 11:25-27)



# Jesus Reveals the Father

Jesus came to SHOW us the Father's heart

So Jesus explained, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing.

... "I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life. (from John 5:18-24)

"Anyone who has seen me, has seen the Father". (John 14:9)

# Jesus Reveals the Father

Relationship with the Father is deeply intimate – not for show

- But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly. (Matt 6:3-4)
- But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. (Matt 6:6)
- ...your Father knows what you need before you ask him. (Matt 6:8)



# Jesus Passes the Baton...

## Jesus passed on to us His Father's love

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. (John 15:9-10)

## Jesus passed to us His own commission to seek and to save the lost!

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." (John 20:21)

# D. How Should We Respond??

Become His child – Accept His love

- Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! (1 John 3:1)



# What does it look like to be His Child?

Jesus elaborated:

But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as **true children** of your Father in heaven.

... If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that. **But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect.** (Matt 5:44-48)

# What does it look like to be His Child?

Peter later explained it this way:

So you must live as God's **obedient children**. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then.

But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say,  
**"You must be holy because I am holy."**

(1Peter 1:14-16)



# How Should We Respond??

But I can't do that!

So admit it...

- Then Peter said to them, "**Repent**, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Act 2:38)

# How Should We Respond??

1. Repent, Accept the righteousness that Christ purchased
  - God sent His Son... to seek and to save you
2. Seek His Presence (His Breath, His Spirit)
  - In His presence we are healed, our hurts can be mended, we are made new
3. Submit to His love and holiness
  - We need it; Our own righteousness is like filthy rags...
4. Pray to God as to a good good Father
  - Our Father which art in Heaven...



# Benediction

- Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:

When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth.

I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.

Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into the Father's love and keep you strong.

(from Eph 3:14-17)

## **As we pray...**

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God--this is true and proper worship.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

(Romans 12:1-2)