

WHY DOES THE FATHER BOTHER?

SERIES: Living in the Presence of God #6

Sunday, May 16, 2021

REVIEW: Who is This "Father?"

We learn Trinitarianism by relating, understanding and responding to a well-defined picture of God the Father, a well-defined picture of God the Son, and a well-defined picture of God the Holy Spirit.

- **God the Father is my ULTIMATE and intended Father.** Ephesians 3:14 (NASB) *For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name [character, significance, reputation]...*
- **God the Father is to be set APART.** Matthew 6:9 (NASB) *"Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name [Let your character, works and reputation be set apart].*
- **God the Father is the only one we should call FATHER.** Matthew 23:8 (NASB) *"But do not be called Rabbi; for One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers. ⁹ Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. ¹⁰ Do not be called leaders; for One is your Leader, that is, Christ."*
- **God the Father DEFINES our acceptance.** Romans 5:8 (NASB) *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners [still sinning], Christ died for us.*
- **God the Father DEMONSTRATES His love.** Romans 8:31 (NASB) *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² [Indeed] He who did not spare His own [unique] Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely [graciously] give us all things?*
- **God the Father JUSTIFIES us.** Romans 8:33 (NASB) *Who will bring a [legal or legitimate] charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies [who continuously makes us right with Him]...*

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT OUR FATHER?

1 John 4:10 (NASB) *"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."*

1. God the Father gave His Son – Jesus - as a PROPTITATION for our sins.

1 John 2:1 (NASB) *"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. ² And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world."*

Isaiah 53:10 (NASB) *“But the LORD [Yahweh] was pleased to crush Him [Son], putting Him to grief; if He [Son] would render Himself as a guilt offering, ¹¹ He [Son] will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, and the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.”*

2. God the Father is DELIGHTED with Jesus' sacrifice.

1 Timothy 2:5 (NLT) *“For there is only one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and people. He is the man Christ Jesus. ⁶ He gave His life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message that God gave to the world at the proper time.”*

3. God the Father is EMOTIONALLY involved with His Sons and Daughters.

Psalms 103:13 (NASB) *Just as a father has compassion [deep emotional involvement with] on his children, so the LORD [YAHWEH, GOD THE FATHER] has compassion [deep emotional involvement] on those who fear [respect] Him. ¹⁴ For He Himself [personally] knows our frame; He is mindful [remembers] that we are but dust.*

4. The believer is encouraged to be emotionally INVOLVED with God.

Deuteronomy 6:4 (NASB) *“Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one [an absolute unity]! ⁵ [Since that is so] You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*

1 Corinthians 13:1 (ESV) *If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.*

5. Believers are to SHARE God the Father's emotional involvement with others.

2 Corinthians 1:3 *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies [tender mercies, compassion] and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction ⁴ so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”*

Ephesians 2:4 (NASB) *But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.*

Romans 8:28 (NASB) *And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*

ACTIONS STEPS:

- As you pray this week, commit yourself to ask God about His emotional involvement with you. And, also ask God what it takes to be emotionally involved with Him.

- Commit yourself this week to discuss this sermon with one other person. Some ideas you can explore include:
 - ✓ How is God the Father like and unlike my earthly father?
 - ✓ Does God care more about what you think, what you feel or what you do? Explain your response.
 - ✓ How has God been emotionally involved with you in the last month?