



*Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be **holy and without blame before Him in love**, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, **by which He made us accepted in the beloved.*** Ephesians. 1:4-6

"I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18

What People Need Most

There is a God designed place in every human that causes a longing to be fathered.

We need to understand why fatherhood is such a big deal from a spiritual perspective; it will _____ your life.

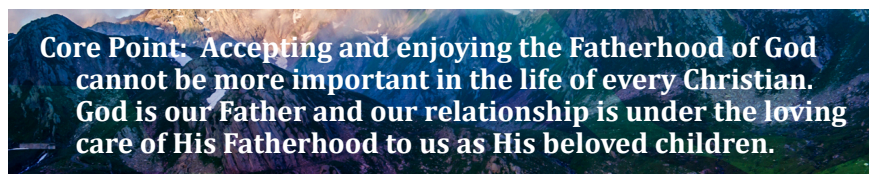
Satan's biggest strike against God was to damage His place as the Father of us all. His whole strategy is one of division. Jesus came to bring us to restoration with God our Father.

*For this reason I bow my knees to the **Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the **whole family** in heaven and earth is named. Eph. 3:14-15*

*For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing sonship] in [the bliss of] which we cry, **Abba (Father)! Father!** The Spirit Himself [thus] testifies together with our own spirit, [assuring us] that we are children of God. And if we are [His] children, **then we are [His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His inheritance with Him]**; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory. Romans 8:15-17 Amplified*

There is no English word that adequately conveys the meaning of the Aramaic word, "Abba." This is why the translators gave us this transliteration "Abba." **The word conveys a close intimacy that is reserved for parents and children.**

Receiving God as your Father requires you to accept His personhood, which redefines us to a place of having the status as "the beloved."



Much happens to a person when they become a follower of Christ, but the biggest is the _____ of the **Heavenly Father's place in their life.**

The biggest adjustment we must make in our thinking is that we are **the accepted in the beloved.** (Ephesians 1:6)

As we walk with God we learn that our spiritual journey includes a discovery process about ourselves. The experiences people encounter in life can leave many unresolved issues. God solves this by giving us a new life and new resources and most of all a new status to live with.

*Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; **and the God of love and peace will be with you.***
2 Corinthians 13:11

The transforming work of our restoration as the children of God.

1. You are **forgiven.**
2. You are **clean.**
3. You are **holy.**
4. You are **righteous.**
5. You are more than a **conqueror.**
6. You are a **believer.**
7. You are a **blessing.**
8. You are _____.

The Place of the Father in Your Life

1. **Let Him correct you.** Hebrews 12:5-11

2. **Let Him provide for you.**

*If you, imperfect as you are, know how to lovingly take care of your children and give them what's best, how much more ready is your heavenly Father to give **wonderful gifts to those who ask Him?***" Matthew 7:10-11 TPT

3. **We need to receive the _____ of our Father.**

"As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him." Psalm 103:13

*And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him **and had compassion**, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. Luke 15:20*

