

GOD AS "FATHER"

1 John 3:1-2

Introduction: The Bible is written by the hand of men but was inspired by God. The contents of the Bible reveal God in several different but mainly as God, the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Some have thought that there are three "gods" but God chose to use human knowledge, human thinking, human reasoning to reveal Himself. As "Father" He is the "source" and chooses, as "Son" He is the means of redeeming mankind and being mediator and as "Spirit" He is the power who sanctifies and is the means through which He works. As "Father" God begets, founds, produces and authors. We understand the term "father" so therefore we can understand God in the position of a "Father."

I. GOD IS "FATHER" OF THOSE RIGHTLY RELATED TO HIM

1. Israel - from Abraham, God, as "Father," raised up a nation and identified His relationship with that nation as a Father and His Children - as long as Israel was obedient.
2. Christians - by being "reborn" through faith in Jesus Christ, one becomes adopted into God's Family of which He is the "Father." The believer is accepted as a son/daughter into God's Family.

II. AS "FATHER," GOD CARES FOR HIS FAMILY

1. God loves every member of His Family, even though some disobey from time to time.
2. God provides for His Family their needs.
3. God protects His Family and has indwelt each and every one of His Children with His presence, the Holy Spirit.
4. God cares for and is interested in everything His Children/Family thinks and does.

III. AS "FATHER," GOD WILL BRING HIS FAMILY TO THEIR ETERNAL HOME ONE DAY

1. God adopts every believer in His Son, Jesus, thus "saving," giving salvation to each one.
2. God is preparing a very special place for each and ever single one of His Children.
3. When God is ready, He will gather all His Family to the special place He has been preparing for them and they will spend forever, all eternity with Him in that most wonderful place.

CONCLUSION:

1. God chose to reveal Himself to us in a way we can understand - as a "FATHER."
2. Why not accept Him as your own personal Heavenly Father.