

The Fatherhood of God
Galatians 1:1-4; 4:6; Eph 3:14-15

God Is So Much a Father – “THE FATHER” – We Are Always Children in Reference to Him!

The Father's Authority – Deut 32:6

- He is the Source “before and “beyond” us – Eph 3:14-15
 - ... of all strength/power, all love, all fullness/satisfaction – Eph 3:16-19; Ecc 3:11
- Our awareness and experience of Him as Father
 - ... is a matter of focus – Col 3:1-2; Jo 5:44; Heb 11:6
 - ... is a matter of posture – Eph 3:14; Is 64:8
 - ... is a matter of response – Jo 6:38

The Father's Love – 1 Jo 4:8

- His is an alien/unearthly love – 1 Jo 3:1
 - ... that precedes and supersedes all other “loves” – 1 Jo 4:19
- We are made to be at home in His loving family – Jo 17:20-26
 - ... His is a jealous love ...a merciful/gracious love ...a compassionate love ...an affirming love – Ex 34:14; Eph 2:4,7-8; Lam 3:22/James 5:11; Heb 2:11; Ro 1:6,7/Is 62:2-5

The Father's Gifts – James 1:17

- He is a good and perfect Giver – Ja 1:17
 - ... doubt His goodness and we are vulnerable to the tempter – Ja 1:2-4; 4:7
- His gifts are not given on the basis of our performance, but according to our needs – Lk 15:11-32
 - ... Ex: the Father's embrace – Lk 15:20
 - the Father's joy – Lk 15:9; 6:32

The Father's Family – 1 Jo 1:1-4

- We share a Life in common that is far from common – Ga 4:6
 - ... each child is therefore, non-disposable, irreplaceable – 1 Cor 12:18
- We welcome one another home:
 - ... into our child-of-God identity – Eph 4:24 ...inheritance – Ro 8:16-17
 - ... belovedness – 1 Jo 4:8; 3:1 ... freedom – Ga 5:1