

## FATHERS -- THE GREATEST MISSING FACTOR IN THE WORLD TODAY

First let's talk about knowing God as our Father.

What was the primary purpose of Jesus coming to planet earth?

It was to redeem mankind so that we can know the eternal God as our Father. No longer orphans floating through space, but knowing that mighty creator God as our Father.

The Apostle John refers to the Father 116 times in his writings. The other gospel writers refer much less to the Father. John was the one who was very close to Jesus and specially loved. That is why John is the family gospel.

The greatest presentation of God is as Father. It is most essential to the structure of the new world and our world, that the Father pervades everything.

Luke 10:22 All things are delivered to Me by My Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son will reveal **Him**.

Jesus says His Father is greater:

- John 10:29 "My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all;"
- John 14: 28 "I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.  
Psa 22:22 prophesies about 1000 years before: "I will declare Your name (the Fathers name) to My brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You. "

In John 20:17 this prophecy is fulfilled: "Jesus said to Mary, "Do not touch Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, I ascend to My Father and Your Father ---"

This is the greatest message ever given on earth!

For this awesome declaration to be possible it had to be preceded by the greatest cry ever cried on this earth:

Psalms 22: 1 prophesied that cry 1000 years before: "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? *Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning?*"

Mark 15: 34 Shows the prophecy is fulfilled, "Around mid-afternoon Jesus groaned out of the depths, crying loudly, "*Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?*" which means, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

Jesus' purpose for coming to earth was not to die for our sins, of course He had to die for our sins and be abandoned from His Father on the cross because He carried our sins. The reason He paid this huge cost was so we can now know His Father as our Father.

Jesus wants you to know:

The Cross is the doorway into the Father's world, and into the Father's love.

We not only have His Father as our Father, but Romans 8: 15 says: ".....you received the Spirit of adoption by who's power we cry out, "Abba, Father." And our spirit bears witness with His Spirit that we are children of God. (Abba - an intimate term like "Papa")

In the Jewish household, adoption means I am not longer just dressed like one of the household servants, but I have now come of age, reached maturity, wear the "toga", and become fully embraced as a son (daughter) of my Father.

Note that Jesus addressed His Father as Abba (Papa) in Mark 14; 36 where He pleaded with the Father, "if it is possible, take this bitter cup away, do I really have to bear the sins of the world." He anticipated a suffering above all suffering, that is, to be separated from his Father for those terrible hours on the cross and days in the grave.

But, because Jesus did His Father's will by carrying our sins on that cross we can now know our Father as Abba ('Papa').

At the end of the age there will be Grand Consummation:

Every enemy will be defeated and everything will eternally be the Father's World.

I Cor.15: 24-28. Shows that when Christ's work is completed He will present the Kingdom to the Father.

24 "Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.

26 The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death.

27 For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under *Him*," *it is*

evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. (God's rule is completed)

28 Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all."

This is the grand consummation when, after crushing the opposition, he hands over his kingdom to God the Father.

He won't let up until the last enemy is down and defeated, the very last enemy is death!

Then Eternity begins.

The Father initiates everything He is the source of everything in the universe.

Of the Father (1 Cor \*: 6) - through the Son (John 1: 1) - by the Holy Spirit. (Gen 1: 2)

John 8: 28 ; --"I do nothing of myself ---" except laying down His life.

John 10 17:-18 "The Father loves me because I (initiate) laying down my life."

Jesus is begotten of the Father: John 1: 14

Heb.1: 5 "thou art my son this day I have begotten thee."

"I will be to him a Father and he will be to me a Son."

Our fellowship is with the Father and Jesus:

1Jo 1: 2 - 4 (for the Life was revealed, and we have seen *it* and bear witness, and show to you the everlasting Life, who was with the Father and was revealed to us), that which we have seen and heard we declare unto you, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And we write these things to you so that your joy may be full.

Jesus fully declared the Father on earth.

There is no true declaration of God without it coming from one who is intimate with Him.

Jesus declared the Father from His bosom (place so close).

John 1:18 No one has seen God at any time; the Only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*

Where is the Father manifest now?

Through true fathers in the church and in the home

To be a Father in the church we have to know the Father:

1Jo 2:13 I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him **who is** from **the** beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.

If we honour fathers we honour God.

If you love the world, you can't know the Father's love:

1Jo 2:15 - 16 Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him, because all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

The Father is the stabilizing factor of the universe. The Father is without variation and shadow of turning.

Jam 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variability nor shadow of turning.

When there are true Fathers everything is stable and secure.

Jesus is going to present us to the Father -- glorious;

Heb 2:10 "For it became him, for whom *are* all things, and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."

2Co 4:14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

- 1. Can you walk with the Father as Jesus did?
- 2. Did you walk with your father?
- 3. Perhaps you feel an orphan? Jesus can redeem your past.
- 4. You know -- sons hold in their souls the shape of their fathers.
- 5. The Lord showed me: "Faith finds it's resting place in the Father's love."
- 6. Not father Xmas ... celebrate our eternal Father and His Son who made

Him known.

•7. Your heavenly Father has gifts that are out of this world!

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