

## We believe in God the Father Almighty...

The Gospel reveals that God is not to be understood as a distant exacting and wrathful oppressor, but rather in terms of our heavenly Father, compare the number of old testament references to God as Father to the New eg psalm 89:26 1 John 3:1, I Pet 1:27, James 1:27, Phm 1:3, Phil 4:20, Eph 1:2, John 16:27, Matt 6:9 etc..

This is good news, radical good news and inspires a different connection between us and God and is an important part of revealing a "full gospel" to those not yet Christians. Consider the following From "Father Heart Communications" [www.Fathersloveletter.com](http://www.Fathersloveletter.com)

### *My Child...*

*You may not know me, but I know everything about you ...Psalm 139:1 I know when you sit down and when you rise up ...Psalm 139:2 I am familiar with all your ways ...Psalm 139:3 Even the very hairs on your head are numbered ...Matthew 10:29-31 For you were made in my image ...Genesis 1:27 In me you live and move and have your being ...Acts 17:28 For you are my offspring...Acts 17:28 I knew you even before you were conceived ...Jeremiah 1:4-5 I chose you when I planned creation ...Ephesians 1:11-12 You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book ...Psalm 139:15-16 I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live ...Acts 17:26 You are fearfully and wonderfully made ...Psalm 139:14 I knit you together in your mother's womb ...Psalm 139:13 And brought you forth on the day you were born ...Psalm 71:6 I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me ...John 8:41-44 I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love ...1 John 4:16 And it is my desire to lavish my love on you ...1 John 3:1 Simply because you are my child and I am your father ...1 John 3:1 I offer you more than your earthly father ever could ...Matthew 7:11 For I am the perfect father...Matthew 5:48 Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand ...James 1:17 For I am your provider and I meet all your needs ...Matthew 6:31-33 My plan for your future has always been filled with hope ...Jeremiah 29:11 Because I love you with an everlasting love ...Jeremiah 31:3 My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore ...Psalms 139:17-18 And I rejoice over you with singing ...Zephaniah 3:17 I will never stop doing good to you ...Jeremiah 32:40 For you are my treasured possession ...Exodus 19:5 I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul ...Jeremiah 32:41 And I want to show you great and marvelous things ...Jeremiah 33:3 If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me ...Deuteronomy 4:29 Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart ...Psalm 37:4 For it is I who gave you those desires ...Philippians 2:13 I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine ...Ephesians 3:20 For I am your greatest encourager ...2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles ...2 Corinthians 1:3-4 When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you ...Psalm 34:18 As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart ...Isaiah 40:11 One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes ...Revelation 21:3-4 And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth ...Revelation 21:3-4 I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus ...John 17:23 For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed ...John 17:26 He is the exact representation of my being ...Hebrews 1:3 He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you ...Romans 8:31 And to tell you that I am not counting your sins ...2 Corinthians 5:18-19 Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled ...2 Corinthians 5:18-19 His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you ...1 John 4:10 I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love ...Romans 8:31-32 If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me ...1 John 2:23 And nothing will ever separate you from my love again ...Romans 8:38-39 Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen ...Luke 15:7 I have always been Father, and will always be Father ...Ephesians 3:14-15 My question is...Will you be my child? ...John 1:12-13 I am waiting for you...Luke 15:11-32 **Love, Your Dad. Almighty God***

## In considering God as our Father there are some things to watch out for.

- Aware that sometimes we can confuse the nature of God with nature of our earthly Dad, i.e. we can assume God is aloof, or just a goof and neither is correct
- Aware that it is possible to confuse the nature of God with cultural expectations of Fathers
- Aware that we may make God become the Father we always wanted
- God responds to us on an individual basis
- There is a difference between how dads father their boys and their girls

## A Fathers letter to his Son

### My Son

I am God, your Father Ephesians 3:14,15. I was there at your beginning Jeremiah 1:4,5 and I'll be there till the end Revelation 1:8. I am not as far away as you might imagine Psalms 119:151, in fact I am as close as your next breath Isaiah 55:6. Please be assured that I am not angry with you 1 John 4:16 and that the distance you feel can be bridged by just calling out to me. Romans 10:9.

I have written in the hope you like the gifts I've given to you James 1:17. These are yours to use but work best when they are about the business that you were born to fulfil Matthew 25:14-30. That is My business of reconciling the world to myself 2 Corinthians 5:19. Like many dads, I desire to have the sign above the shop window say "Yahweh and sons" Matthew 12:50 John 5:30. Why do you think you like to work, if you were not made in my image? Genesis 1:27 Why do you think you are creative, if you do not have that divine spark within? 1 John 3:2, why do you think you love the outdoors, if I had not created you to live in the garden? Genesis 2:8 And why do you not think you love adventure and battles, if I had not made you strong? Judges 13:5 And why do you think you like to puzzle things out and fix things, if you did not have elements of you dad in you? Titus 2:14 Anyway, I look forward to working with you my son because all creation waits for you to step up to the plate Romans 8:18ff. and in my strength, by my Holy Spirit Acts 1:8 you will succeed because its not what is on the outside that counts, but rather what is inside 1 Samuel 16:7.

In this life you will face difficulties but do not fear because I have overcome them all John 16:33. Rather view hardships as that which I allow to train and develop you Hebrews 12:7, sharpening those skills in you Proverbs 27:17 developing your strength Psalms 18:34 so that you may complete the task at hand and receive your just reward at the end of the age Matthew 16:27. But Son, there are dangers out there. Sin will seek to control you Genesis 4:7 and corrupt you, but I have broken its power through Jesus Christ's death on the cross Romans 6:6 and you are now free to choose your path Joshua 24:15 but please note that you will reap what you sow Job 4:8 so sow what is good and that is what you shall receive 2 Corinthians 5:10.

Lastly, look after your brothers and sisters in the faith Ephesians 4:2, and let them look after you for this is beneficial to all 1 Corinthians 12:7. Together you will do marvellous things! John 14:12 And do not to let bitterness grow up in your heart Hebrews 12:15, but forgive as I forgive Luke 11:14, love as I love 1 John 3:23, and trust me, I know what I am doing Proverbs 3:5,6. And Son, never fear to come and talk to me John 16:23, because of my Son Jesus Christ you can be confident that I will never turn you away John 6:37, shun you or condemn you Ephesians 3:12, Romans 8:2. I love you John 3:16.  
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This is the good news. God is not waiting until we die to get to know us. The ache in our heart that convinces us that there is more to this life than what we can see Ecc 3:11 can begin to be fulfilled now by reconnecting ourselves to our Father God, maker of heaven and earth who created us and all humanity to walk in the garden with Himself. The Father awaits you.