

# *Our Father's Heart*

GALATIANS 4:1-11

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. MATTHEW 6:9-13



# The New Testament

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

I & II Corinthians

**GALATIANS**

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

I & II Thessalonians

I & II Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

I & II Peter

I, II, & III John

Jude

Revelation

Do you feel like you know God  
as your father ?

Do you feel like God knows you  
as His child ?



## Two myths and a truth

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  - B. God’s children are born again in Jesus Christ.
  - C. When we accept Jesus we have a \_\_\_\_\_ who loves us.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, **he gave the right to become children of God**, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. JOHN 1:9-13



For all who are ***led by the Spirit of God are sons of God***. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the ***Spirit of adoption as sons***, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that ***we are children of God***, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

ROMANS 8:14-17

But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” This means that it is ***not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise*** are counted as offspring.

ROMANS 9:6-8



Do all things without grumbling or disputing,  
that you may be blameless and innocent,  
**children of God** without blemish in the midst  
of a crooked and twisted generation,  
among whom you shine as lights in the world,  
holding fast to the word of life, so that in the  
day of Christ I may be proud that I did not  
run in vain or labor in vain.

PHILIPPIANS 2:14-16

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, **that we should be called children of God**; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, **we are God's children** now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

1 JOHN 3:1-2



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II. Myth: “Dad loves some of His children more.”

A. Isaac and Abby are my children.

- Isaac is MY SON! I LOVE him!
- Abby is MY DAUGHTER! I LOVE her!

B. The question of heritage has always been dicey.



They answered (Jesus), “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “**If you were Abraham’s children**, you would be doing the works Abraham did, but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did...

JOHN 8:39-44

You are doing the works **your father** did.”  
They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.” Jesus said to them, “**If God were your Father**, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me...

JOHN 8:39-44



Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. **You are of your father the devil**, and your will is to do **your father's** desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

JOHN 8:39-44

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A. I cherish the day Abby was put in my arms.

B. She has adopted me as her father.



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C. Regardless of what anyone says (whether they are being intentionally hurtful, or hurtful due to their ignorance) she and I know the truth! She Is Mine and I Am Hers !

When we become children  
of our heavenly Father  
through the blood of Jesus Christ,  
God becomes fiercely protective  
of His children.



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BE AN ANTIOCH...

*casting hope*