## My Father God

To be like Jesus, We have to take Our rightful position as Children of God. We are not just forgiven sinners; We have become Children of the Most-High God! Let's look at some Scriptures showing Us how Jesus saw God as His Father, so that We can copy Him in Our relationship with God.

Luke 2:41-50 KJV Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover. [42] And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. [43] And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the Child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and His mother knew not of it. [44] But they, supposing Him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. [45] And when they found Him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking Him. [46] And it came to pass, that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. [47] And all that heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. [48] And when they saw Him, they were amazed: and His mother said unto Him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing. [49] And He said unto them, How is it that ye sought Me? wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business? [50] And they understood not the saying which He spake unto them.

At 12 years old Jesus was finding Himself in the Scriptures. He knew He was the Son of God and He was learning about His Father God. As God's Children, We should be finding Ourselves in the Scriptures as well.

**1 John 3:1-3 KJV** Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. [2] Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. [3] And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.

In these verses, We see clearly that Christians are God's own Children. I believe that God wants Us to start taking Our new identity by the renewing of Our minds. We are God's Family! The more We know this, the more We will live like Him. We are so blessed to be in God's Family. I believe that the reason We don't receive God's full blessings in Our lives is because We treat God as God and not as Father. When Jesus was teaching Us how to pray He said this.

**Matthew 6:9-13 KJV** After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. [10] Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. [11] Give us this day our daily bread. [12] And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. [13] And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Jesus was teaching Us, as Our Big Brother how to have a relationship with Our Father God. We should never think of God as just Our Creator He is Our very own Father, and We can have His power and abilities manifest in Our lives. The more We meditate on this revelation, the more We will have the abundance of Heaven in Our lives.

As Your Pastor, I don't want You to just have a relationship with the Christian Center Family; I want You to experience what Adam and Eve had in the garden before they sinned. They actually had intimacy with Him. He wasn't just their Lord; He was their Father. I want to leave You with a powerful Scripture that is so important to Us today.

**Ephesians 5:1-2 KJV** Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear Children; [2] And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved Us, and hath given Himself for Us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling

savour.

The world wants God's Children to be like them and be mad, angry, and unforgiving. They are hearing from their father, the devil. We must not listen to them! God made man in His own image, to live like Him, talk like Him, and to love like Him. The Church will not fall into the same trap that the world is in when we learn how to live like Our Father God.

Until next week; love you, Pastor Paul

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## \*This Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday Ezekiel chapter 24
Tuesday Ezekiel chapter 25
Wednesday Ezekiel chapter 26
Thursday Ezekiel chapter 27
Friday Ezekiel chapter 28
Saturday Ezekiel chapter 29
Sunday Ezekiel chapter 30

## \*Upcoming Events

- 1. **Youth Camp <u>June 15-18</u>:** Check in at the Camp <u>Monday 2-2:30pm</u>. Please no early birds. Gates open at 2
- 2. Kids' Camp June 23-26: Registration ending soon
- 3. **Baptisms:** Sunday at end of Services
- 4 Women's Dance Aerobics: Mon-Thur 10-11am; Fri 9:30-10:30 in the Gym
- 5. **Mobile Prayer:** Fridays 1:30-3pm in Sam's Warehouse Parking Lot
- 6. **Horse Ministry:** Saturday 10am-1pm
- \*\*TO RECEVE Special Announcements, opt in to **The Christian Center text list** by texting the letters

LTCC to the phone number  $\underline{59769}$ . You will receive a confirmation message shortly thereafter.

- \*\*Use this link for **The Christian Center app** <a href="http://bgw1.itexttoday.com/apps/2323/8833/">http://bgw1.itexttoday.com/apps/2323/8833/</a> indexm.html
- \*\* Here is a list of the many gatherings we have for you to get together and fellowship with your brothers

and sisters. Please take advantage of them, and you will bless yourself and others also.

**Sundays** \* Prayer: 9am Lee side entrance \* Fellowship in Café 9:15-9:45 am. \*

Services 10:45 am

## Adult, Youth, and Children classes 9:45-10:30 am

Faith Class: -----Michael Whitley

Financial Class: -----Terry Boyd Foundation 1 Class: ---Pastor Paul Foundation 2 Class: ---Mike Wiggins

Healing Class: -----Lester/Monica Witherspoon Marriage Class:-----Danny/Demetrius Williams

Prayer Class: -----Joe Cunningham

Children's Sunday School: 6 months - 5th grade Youth Services: -----Lucas/Cyndi Moore

Young Singles/College & Career —Eliav/Kim Nash

**Daily** \* Early Morning Prayer in Sanctuary: Monday-Friday6:15-7:15am

\* Noonday Bible Study: Mon-Friday in Chapel on Lee Blvd side of

Church

\* Women's Dance Aerobics: Mon-Thur 10-11am; Fri 9:30-10:30 in the

Gym

Weekly \* Adult, Youth & Children Services: <u>Sunday 9:45</u> & <u>10:45 am</u>; <u>Wednesday night</u>

<u>7pm</u>

**Monthly** \* Men's Meeting: 9am 1st Saturday of each month at Golden Corral

\* Crosses at the Corner: 12-1pm 1st Saturday at corner of Sheridan

and Cache Rd.

\* Women's Meeting: 9am 2nd Saturday of each month

\* Horse Ministry: 10am-1pm 3rd Saturday of each month