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Understand the Love of the Father

- Father

- Father
 - Greek: Pater

- Father
 - Greek: Pater
 - Nourisher

- Father
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 - Protector

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 - Protector
 - Upholder

Part 1: Understanding the Fatherhood of God

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The Father in Eternity

John 1:1 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

John 1:2 *The same was in the beginning with God.*

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John 1:18 *No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.*

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Rev. 22:13 *I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.*

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Exo. 4:22 *“Then say to Pharaoh, ‘This is what the LORD says: Israel is my firstborn son,’”*

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The Father in the Gospels & New Testament

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- Unique Relationship between the Father and the Son

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God is Father of those who are Believers and Disciples of Jesus Christ

Matt. 6:9 *“This, then, is how you should pray: “ ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,*

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God as Father is:

- *Originator*
- *Nourisher*
- *Provider*
- *Protector*
- *Upholder*

Part II: Understanding the Father's Love in Three Acts

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1. His Love in *Creation*

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- Humanity in His Image, Gen. 1:26-28

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His Love in the *Fall*

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His Love in the *Fall*

Rom. 5:12 Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—

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Sin Separates Us from God

Is. 59:2 *But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.*

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- *Relational*

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- ***Relational***

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- ***Relational***
 - Enemies of God***

Rom. 5:10 *For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!*

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- ***Relational***

Children of the Devil

1John 3:10 *This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.*

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- *Eternal*

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Fatherlessness in the US

Sixty-three percent of black children

35% of Hispanic children

28% of white children are living in homes absent
their biological father.

Source: Krieder, Rose M. and Jason Fields. Living Arrangements of Children 2001. Current Population Reports, p. 70-104. Table 1. Washington, DC: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005.

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Fatherlessness in the US

85% of all children that exhibit behavioral disorders come from **fatherless homes**. (United States Center for Disease Control)

90% of all homeless and runaway children are from **fatherless homes**.

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71% of all high school dropouts come from **fatherless homes**.

75% of all adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers come from **fatherless homes**.

63% of youth suicides are from **fatherless homes**. (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of the Census)

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Fatherlessness in the US

80% of rapists motivated with displaced anger come from **fatherless homes**.

70% of juveniles in state-operated institutions come from **fatherless homes**. (U.S. Dept. of Justice, *Special Report*, Sept 1988)

85% of all youths sitting in prisons grew up in a **fatherless home**.

SOURCE: <http://www.christianparty.net/statistic.htm>

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Jn. 3:16 The Love of the Father

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

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Redemption

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Redemption: “buying back’ a slave or captive”

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1 Cor. 1:30; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:15; Col. 1:14

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Redemption:

Complete:

Rom. 8:23 *Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the **redemption** of our bodies.*

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Connecting Redemption and Adoption

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Connecting Redemption and Adoption

Gal. 4:5 *To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons*

Gal. 4:6 *And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.*

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Adoption

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Adoption: An act of God's grace- when we are justified by faith in Christ, we are received in to the family of God and given the inheritance of heaven

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Adoption: Role of the Spirit and Son

Gal. 4:4 *But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law,*

Gal. 4:5 *to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.*

Gal. 4:6 *Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."*

Gal. 4:7 *So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.*

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Adoption: God's Eternal Plan for Adoption

Eph. 1:5 *he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—*

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Adoption: Our Complete Adoption is Later

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Application

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