

1  **The Fatherhood of God**

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God is referred to as 'Father' 15 times in the OT & 245 times in the NT
In the OT the Fatherhood of God is expressed to groups (e.g. the Israelites) & not generally to individuals
In the NT God is recognised as the Father of Jesus Christ
God is named as Father to individuals through spiritual adoption

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The Fatherhood of God is a dominant theme through the NT
Every book in the NT presents God as Father
All the gospels declare the Fatherhood of God
Paul's letter's begin with
"Our Father" or "the Father"

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Knowledge of God's Fatherhood
is related to our knowledge of our spiritual
adoption and sonship

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His Great Love

Seen in the parable of the Prodigal Son

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His Great Love


1 John 3:1 (NIV) ¹ How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! "

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Our Adoption/Sonship

Eph 1:5-8 (NIV)

'In love He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will-to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely give us in the One He loves. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding."

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Eph 1:17-19 (NIV)

'I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably

great power for us who believe “

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Abba Father

Rom 8:15-16 (NIV)

“For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father. The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ”

“Abba Father” means ‘Dear Father’

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Zeph 3:17 9 (NLT)

For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With His love He will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.”

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