

The Fatherhood of God

Point : 1

If you are in Christ you have God as your Father

Romans 8:15 (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."

Galatians 4:6 (NIV)

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

Mark 14:36 (NIV)

"Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

Fathers...

- Love
- Protect
- Guide
- Discipline
- Instruct

2 Corinthians 6:18 (NIV)

"I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Point : 2

If you are in Christ you are Children
of God

Romans 8:16 (NIV)

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

John 1:12-13 (NIV)

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

1 John 3:1 (NIV)

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! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Children...

- Delight in their fathers
- Depend on their fathers
- Imitate their fathers
- Relate to their fathers

Point : 3

If you are in Christ you are sons of God

Romans 8:14 (NIV)

because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Galatians 3:26 (NIV)

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,

Sons...

- **Follow in their Fathers footsteps**
- **Have responsibilities**
- **Obey their fathers**
- **Are disciplined**
- **Have privileges**

Galatians 4:7 (NIV)

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

Point : 4

If you are in Christ you are an heir

Romans 8:17 (NIV)

Now if we are children, then we are heirs-- heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Ephesians 1:13-14 (NIV)

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's

Heirs...

- Get something in the future they didn't earn
- Join with other heirs in receiving
- Must continue in the family to receive anything

Hebrews 2:11 (NIV)

Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.

Colossians 1:22-23 (NIV)

But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation--if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Conclusion