Me are here to Honor God and Make Disciples



EVERY NATION

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GOD THE FATHER

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You sum up the whole of New Testament religion if you describe it as the knowledge of God as one's holy Father. If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child, and having God as his Father.

If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well at all.

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For everything that Christ taught, everything that makes the New Testament new, and better than the Old, everything that is distinctively Christian as opposed to merely Jewish, is summed up in the knowledge of the Fatherhood of God. 'Father' is the Christian name for God.

"I have revealed to them who you are and I will continue to make you even more real to them, so that they may experience the same endless love that you have for me, for your love will now live in them, even as I live in them!"

John 17:26 TPT

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Then Jesus told them this parable:

Luke 15:1-3 NIV

So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

Luke 15:20-21 NIV

But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate."

Luke 15:22-23 NIV

Even in our worst state, God the Father still wants us

Even when God the Father sees all our dirt, He still desires to be with us

God the Father restores us to a better place than before

No matter what you've done, you will always be welcomed home.

There is no evil that the father's love cannot pardon and cover, there is no sin that is a match for his grace.

The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!

'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.

But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.

Luke 15:31-32 NIV

You are my son and you are always with me and everything I have is yours.

Relationship is more important than performance.

What kind of son are you?

Then suddenly the voice of the Father shouted from the sky, saying,

"This is my Son—the Beloved! My greatest delight is in him."

Matthew 3:17 TPT

Once I have accepted the truth that I am God's beloved child, unconditionally loved, I can be sent to the world to speak and to act as Jesus did.

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