

God is ... FATHER

God is ... #4 – Stephen Winslow Sr. – June 16th, 2024 – Romans 8:14-24

Series theme verse: John 17:3 (ESV) And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

Romans 8:14-17 (ESV) ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Knowing God as Father means:

1. Being _____ as his son.

Romans 8:12 (ESV) So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (ESV) Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

John 8:34-36 (ESV) ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

2. Being _____ His family.

John 1:12 (ESV) But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

Galatians 4:6 (ESV) And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

Matthew 7:11 (ESV) If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Five fatherly responsibilities that God has assumed toward His children:

1. God provides for us (Phil. 4:19)
2. God protects (Mt. 10:29-31)
3. God encourages us (Ps. 10:17)
4. God comforts us (2 Cor. 1:3-4)
5. God disciplines us (Heb. 12:10)

3. Being _____ with His Son.

Galatians 3:29 (ESV) And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

John 17:22 (ESV) The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one.

James 1:12 (ESV) Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

Isaiah 43:2 (ESV) When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.