

# *Resurrection Life of Jesus Church*

## **WHO IS GOD THE FATHER?**

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### **PART 1: JESUS REVEALED THE FATHER**

During my 45 years in ministry, I have found that the majority of Christians do not have a proper understanding of our heavenly Father; it is common for believers in Christ to be more comfortable with Jesus than with God the Father.

My belief is that this is a result of men not being good fathers to their children and the damage is carried on from generation to generation.

### **DESTRUCTION FROM WARS**

The many wars fought in the last 100 years have left men spiritually damaged and emotionally crippled because of the American Civil War, World War I and II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

When a young man is drafted or enlists in the armed forces of a nation, he is desensitized and trained to become a killer. This creates soul damage that will never be healed unless he turns to God and is supernaturally healed.

After basic training, these new soldiers are sent into combat if the nation is at war and this also adds extensive damage to the soul.

The young man has now been conditioned to look at enemy soldiers as less than human and all previous resistance from taking a human life has been removed.

Men are encouraged to use alcohol and tobacco. Profanity is common among officers down to the enlisted personnel and men are encouraged to use the services of prostitutes. With the allowance of homosexuals in the U.S. military, homosexuality is becoming more common, particularly among female soldiers.

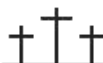
The souls of these men and women have been damaged; they have become hardened in their emotions and brutality is a normal way of life for them.

When a man returns from serving in the military, he is not emotionally stable to be a loving husband and caring father. This man has been destroyed and it is increasingly normal for soldiers to not cope with marriage and children. The end result is suicide, the murder of a spouse or divorce.

### **DESTRUCTION FROM ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS**

Alcohol is the most destructive drug that Satan has in his arsenal. This has been confirmed by The Salvation Army, rescue missions and ministers dating back to D.L. Moody, Billy Sunday, etc. Millions of families have been destroyed because fathers drank and became verbally abusive and violent. The millions of children which came from abusive homes consequently cannot understand that God the Father is loving, kind and caring.

With the onslaught of other drugs in the 20th century, it is now normal that most children are abused at home by both parents.



Abused children eventually become abusers. This is a vicious circle that must be broken. **Proverbs 23: 29-35**

## **KNOWING JESUS IS THE BEGINNING**

I want to lay a foundation of truth that can be built upon in the quest to know God the Father. Jesus stated that no man could come to Him unless God the Father draws him. **John 6:44, 65**

The only way to God the Father is through God the Son. **John 14:6**

Jesus told us that it is God the Holy Spirit who seeks out people and reveals truth about sin and the salvation found in God the Son. **John 16:7-15**

## **THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHURCH**

Prayer is the key that will open the door for the Holy Spirit to move. **Acts 4:23-33**

God told King Solomon that prayer and repentance were necessary if people wanted to see the power of God on earth. **2 Chronicles 7:12-15**

Very little happens without prayer. **James 5:13-18**

## **WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT THE FATHER**

The apostles were young men when Jesus called them and they began to question Him about God the Father. **John 14:1-8**

Jesus told Philip that he had already seen the Father since he had looked upon Jesus. **verses 9-11**

This truth can only be understood if we understand the relationship between God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The key to understanding this truth is found in the book of Genesis where we are told that God created man in His own image. **Genesis 1:26-27**

The Bible tells us that man is a triune being with a body, soul and a spirit. **Hebrews 4:12**

***When Jesus walked on earth some 1,900 years ago, God the Father was in heaven and the Holy Spirit was the connection between them. Thus, the Father has the capacity to divide Himself into three parts and operate in different locations, a feat which mankind cannot even come close to accomplishing.***

The King James Bible uses the title, "God" whereas the Hebrew text in the Old Testament states that Elohim created man in his own image. The word Elohim in Hebrew means "Gods" in plural. God is not a personal name; it is merely a title. Nowhere in the Bible are we told the personal name of God. The same holds true for Jesus and the Holy Spirit. All the names we have for God are titles and we are given attribute names of the Godhead (trinity), but no personal names.

A child does not use the personal name of his father when speaking to him or about him; instead, the child will call him "father" or "dad" in the English

language. Thus there is no need for a Christian to know the name of the Father, we can simply address him as "Daddy." **Mark 14:36; Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6**

The Father sent Himself in the form of Jesus to redeem mankind. **John 1:1-13**

The Father sent Himself in the form of Jesus to create the universe. **Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:12-17; Hebrews 1:1-3**

After the Great White Throne Judgment, God will no longer operate in three separate persons, all three will merge together into the full manifestation of God the Father in all His glory and majesty. **1 Corinthians 15:22-28**

***Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!***

***Do you have an ear to hear with?***