

**WELCOME TO
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

TODAY WE STUDY

**OUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH THE FATHER**

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From the very beginning Our Father loved you and me. When the Godhead had decided to create man he wanted to make us in His image and in His likeness. He wanted us not to be like the angels who have no free will, who are simply servants to the Godhead. He wanted us to be like him. We have a free will, to love, to choose, to be happy and have a close relationship with Him. In every form and in every way we are like He is. He made us to be like him and to be his. He gave us free will so we could choose to be with him and be glad that we made the choice.

So God created man. He placed man in the garden of Eden. Everyday, in the cool of the day The Lord would come and spend time with Man. This was the Lord not the Father. I am sure the Father would speak to the Son about us. Then we chose Sin and rebelled against the simple request made by the God head to not to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil. We failed. But God, the Father, son and Spirit still love us.

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John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Notice the word "God" this is speaking of the Father. God the Father loves you and I so much, even with our choose of sin and rebellion, He takes his Only Son and offers him as a payment for sin so we could be reunited with Him.

I. God and Man have been separated because of Sin.

Isaiah 59:2 "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." Because man freely chose sin, it resulted in us being separated from God.

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Romans 5:12 “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:” We are dead because of our sin. Genesis 2:17 “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” Romans 6:23a “ For the wages of sin is death;...” 1Co 15:56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. Ephesians 2:12 “That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:”

II. God Loves all people not just the saved.

No matter how bad man is or what any man has done God still loves us. I don't understand it. At times don't even agrees that he should, however no matter what I think, or you think, or what anyone thinks, God loves us.

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Man in all his sin and shame. Because he loves us and knows we are sinners and nothing better, he gave Jesus the Son to pay for our sin.

The Father placed all our sin and filth in Jesus and punished Jesus for our sin. Because The Father can not look at sin, he forsake His Son because he loves man. Matthew 27:46 "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

III. It is the Will of the Father that man accept the Death, burial and resurrection of Jesus for payment for our sin.

Galatians 1:3-5 "Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

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Roman 5:8 “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 4:17 “(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.”

IV. The Father and the Sinner are reunite by Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:15-16 “Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:”

Romans 8:11 “But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.”

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Romans 9:26 “And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.”

(Romans 8:15) Notice the word “Abba” here. It is the word that they used for our word “daddy” or “papa.” Yes, He is the great omnipotent and omnipresent God, but He is also our Papa, our Daddy and our personal God.

The Best understanding come from when we read all of Romans 8:14-17 “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”

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Galatians 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

VI. Because we are reunite with the Father when we pray we pray to the Father.

Jesus was asked to teach his disciples how to pray.

He said Luke 11:1-2 “And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.”

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When we pray we pray to our Father. He is the one Jesus prayed to, He is the one we are instructed to pray to. Because he is our Father he is interested in us and want to meet our needs himself. So, we pray to the Father through the Holy Spirit because he help us and the Father understand each other, in the name of Jesus our Savior because we come to the Father as a result of what Jesus has done.

Let's take a good look at Luke 11:1-13

Romans 6:11 “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

It is through the Lord Jesus and His finished work that we can approach the throne of the Father with our petitions.