

**WELCOME TO
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

TODAY WE STUDY

**THE FATHER OF
ALL BELIEVERS**

THE FATHER

- A. He is the Father of all life.
- B. He is the Father of Jesus

This week He is the Father of all Believers.

1. While God is the Creator of all men,

Genesis 1:27 “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”

he is the *Father* only of believers.

1 John 3:1 "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not".

THE FATHER

2. He foreknew the believer

Romans. 8:29; “ For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

3. He predestinated (to decree, destine before hand) the believer.

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren" (Romans. 8:29)

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"In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will" (Ephesians 1:11).

"And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed" (Acts 13:48).

4. He elected the believer.

1 Peter 1:1-2 "Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied."

THE FATHER

5. He gave all the believers to Christ.

John 6:37 "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

John 6:44 "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day".

John 10:29 "My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

John 13:3 "Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God."

THE FATHER

6. He called the believer.

Romans 8:30 "Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."

7. He conforms the believer to the image of Christ

Romans 8:29 "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

THE FATHER

8. He redeemed the believer.

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Ephesians 1:7).

9. He justified the believer

Romans 8:33 "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth."

THE FATHER

10. He keeps the believer.

"My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand" (John 10:29).

"And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are" (John 17:11).

THE FATHER

11. He loves the believer.

2 Thessalonians 2:16 "Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace."

John 14:21 "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

12. He is glorified when the believer bears fruit.

John 15:8 "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."

THE FATHER

13. He comforts the believer.

2 Corinthians 1:3 "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort."

Rev. 21:4 "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

2 Thessalonians 2:16 "Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through *grace*."

THE FATHER

14. He sanctifies the believer.

Jude 1 "Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called."

John 17:17 "Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee."

15. He supplies the needs of believers.

Matthew 6:32-33 "(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you".

THE FATHER

15. He chastens believers.

No one but the Father has the right to chasten us.

Hebrews 12:5-10 "And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness".

THE FATHER

16. He restores the believer.

Psalms. 23:3 "He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."

Psalms. 51:12 "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit."

Luke 15:21-24 "And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry."

THE FATHER

17. He will someday gather all believers in Christ.

"That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him" (Ephesians 1:10).

18. He will someday reward all believers.

"Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 6:1).

"But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Hebrews 11:6).

THE FATHER

2 Tim. 4:8 “Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”

19. He will someday glorify all believers.

"Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified" (Romans 8:30).