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**Abba Father:
The Name That Changes Everything!**

When you truly understand the name Abba Father, you rise above all of the concerns people of the world have and walk in a new confidence.

- I. Adam was created for a unique personal relationship with God, but he lost it.
 - A. He walked with God. He talked with God. Everything he needed was provided for him by God.
 - 1. But his sin separated him from God.
 - 2. Satan was made Prince of the world, and evil entered the world.
 - a. Man lost dominion.
 - B. However, as promised by God, in the course of time, Christ re-established that relationship, but even more, He elevated it!

Jn 1:12–13 (NKJV) — 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become *children of God*, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

God took the pieces of clay we were and adopted them for his children!

John 20:22 (NKJV): And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the *Holy Spirit*.”

God put His Holy Spirit into us and adopted us as His children!

- 1. Those who have accepted Christ are no longer just plain human beings. They are born again of the Spirit of God and are now unique on earth as ***Children of God!***

Ga 4:6-7 (NKJV) — 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, *crying out, “Abba, Father!”*

- 2. **Abba Father** – means a unique relationship. It is the name that changes everything. What does this name represent?
 - a. It is an intimate, personal, affectionate word for Father. Like “Daddy, Papa, Pappy, My Father, My Daddy” or other words indicating a closeness.
 - b. It is a term of trust, love, and endearment.
- 3. God is no longer impersonal to us; he is not just God, but ***Abba***

God, our daddy.

4. No religion teaches the people to speak of God as “Father”; only followers of Christ are told to do this. Only Christians!
 - a. It is a unique relationship not experienced by any other people who have a God. They may refer to him by many names but never by the name of Father.
 - b. The Jews had many titles for him, but they did not call him father until the 10th century. However, almost every prayer from the lips of Jesus began with him addressing God as “Father.”
 - (1) That is one of the reasons many of the Jews hated him. They felt he had no right to call Almighty God his father.
 - c. We are told to do it because the sacrifice of Christ has justified us and has given us a special relationship with God. Because of Christ, we have been made Holy!
5. Now get this!
Gal 4:7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.
 - a. The one and only Son of God gave up his holy righteousness to take on all our sinfulness and made us holy as he is holy and made us also sons of God.
 - (1) He did not leave off with just making us sons; he also made us joint heirs with him.
 - b. We have been given an inheritance in part of the kingdom of God.
 - (1) *Think about that! This is the greatest inheritance that anybody can have!*
 - (2) *Everything Christ possesses is given to us!*
Lk 12:32 (NKJV) — 32 “Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
6. This is a truth we must come to realize to the fullness!
 - a. Most of us just don’t get it! We just don’t get it!
 - (1) He did more than just take away our sins; he made us his children and gave us an incomprehensible inheritance!
 - b. If we would just recognize more of what Christ did for us, we would realize that we are more... than ... conquerors!
- C. Satan and the rest of the world do not want us to get a full understanding of who we are.
 1. The world gets us caught up with other definitions of ourselves. Our nationality, our race, our tribe, our cultural status, and all other ways of dividing us. Everything he can do to keep us from realizing who we are.

- a. But, Christ wants us to see ourselves as Children of God and that we will cry out, “**Abba, Father.**”
2. We are unique as his children!
1 Pe 2:9 (NKJV) — 9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

The Two Kinds of People in the World

- 1) **The Children of Satan**
- 2) **The Children of God**

D. There are **only two kinds of people in the world**. Satan has done well to conceal this truth.

1. Children of Satan –

Jn 8:44 (NKJV) — 44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

2. **Children of God** – Who we are! We must come to recognize who we really are, **children of God!**

Jn 1:12 (NKJV) — 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

Ga 4:6–7 (NKJV) — 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

- a. Now the Almighty God, the creator of the universe, not just God to us, but our **Abba Father!**

(1) Our Daddy!

- b. **This is a big deal!**

E. Jesus even taught us to pray

1. **Mt 6:9 (NKJV) — 9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.**
2. We need to take time to consider what this really means!

II. Ro 8:15–17 (NKJV) — 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

- A. We have not been given the spirit of fear because we have been adopted as children of God. Why should we fear anything when our father is always protecting us? He said he would never leave us!
1. Because of the sacrifice of Christ, we have a right to call him not just God but “**Abba, Father.**”
 2. The Greek implies when we cry out, “**Abba Father,**” it is a name that has the ring of ecstasy! It is like a shout for joy!
 - a. We can be excited about that!
 - b. Like a child crying out when they see their parent coming for them, “**Daddy!**”
(1) *That’s my daddy!*
 3. Because he is our daddy, we don’t need to doubt that he will receive us or have any questions about approaching him when we have messed up.
 - a. What parent does not show love to their children no matter what they have done?
 - b. **Heb 4:16 (NKJV) — 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and *find grace to help in time of need.***
 4. We must learn what the true meaning of this honor that Christ has given us!
- B. **1 Jn 3:1 (NKJV) — 1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called *children of God!* Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.**
1. **He loved us so much** he adopted us when he had a son of his own.
 - a. We needed a father, but he did not need sons.
 2. **He loved us** so much he adopted us while we were defective.
 - a. We really had some serious mental challenges.
 - b. We were just lumps of clay and sin rolled up in one clump, but still he adopted us and made us equal to his son.
Ga 4:6–7 (NKJV) — 6 And because you are *sons*, God has sent forth the *Spirit of His Son* into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!**” 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then *an heir of God through Christ.***
 3. **He loved us so much** that he paid a very expensive cost.
 - a. He had to give up his only son in such a tragic way to pay the price so that we could be adopted.
 - b. His only son took on our sinful nature and transferred his perfect righteousness to us.
 - c. Then he died to pay the price so that we would eternally belong to him.
 4. **He loved us so much** he adopted us while we were still his enemies.
 - a. And there were many of us. People don’t adopt as many as

God did, especially if they are the enemy's children.

5. **He loved us so much** he adopted us while we were children of the devil.
 - a. He brought us into the family of heaven
 6. **He loved us so much** that he **adopted us** and made us joint heirs with his perfect only son!
 - a. He didn't have to do it, but he did!
 - b. We did not deserve any consideration.
 - c. **Luke 12:32 (NKJV): Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.**
 7. **He loved us so much** that Jesus told us to use the name he used when he prayed, Abba father!
Lk 11:1–2 (NKJV) — 1 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." 2 So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.
- C. **He adopted us**, and gave us a new name, a new nature. He gave us his name, Christians!
1. We need to learn to live like our name represents. We are the Anointed Ones.
- D. We are his children! We can cry **Abba father!**
1. We can be confident that everything we need will be given to us, **Mt 6:32 (NKJV) — 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.**
 2. David said: **Ps 37:25 (KJV) — 25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.**
 - a. We just don't have anything to worry about!
 3. **Mt 7:9–11 (NKJV) — 9 Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? 11 If you then, being 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!**
 4. And in the world to come a glorious inheritance for eternity!
Ro 8:16–17 (NKJV) — 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 joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.
 - a. (Please note, provided we are willing to suffer for the name

of Christ! We will take this up later.)

5. ***Jn 14:2–3 (NKJV) — 2 In **My Father's** house are **many mansions**; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.***
6. ***Mt 23:9 (NKJV) — 9 Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.***
- E. Because of this great love, we can be confident that if we call on “**Abba Father,**” **our Father, our daddy, whatever we ask for**, he will give it to us!
- F. This name changes everything. Let me explain so you can now increase your faith. Every name of God we know is fulfilled by the name of **ABBA Father**. Our Daddy, Our Father, is
 1. **Elohim** – Our Creator
 2. **Jireh** – Our Provider
 3. **Rapha** – Our Healer
 4. **Shammah** – Our Victory
 5. **El Elyon** – Our Lord Most High
 6. **Tsidkenu** – Our Lord is there
 7. **Shalom** – Our Peace
 8. **Nissi** – Our Banner
 9. **Sabaoth** – Our Lord of Armies
 10. **M’Kaddesh** – Our Sanctifier
 11. **Adonai** – Our Lord
 12. **Rohi** – Our Shepherd
 13. **El Shaddai** – Almighty God
 14. **Alpha and Omega** – Our Father is the beginning and the end of it all!
15. Abba Father is all the above, but, most of All,
 - a. **Abba Father** is our Father.
 - b. **The Name That Changes Everything!**
- G. Is he your Father?

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IV. WCF 12 Adoption ABBA Father

A. We are children of God by adoption

1. Satan does not want us to grasp this

a. Remember your race

(1) By blacks and by whites

B. We are God's gift to Christ because of his obedience

1. It is not about us!

2. We belong to Christ that is why we are called Christians. God has changed our name. Remember Abram, Sarai, Jacob, Saul.

C. Our Father allowed by Jesus

1. Not ever in the Old Testament