

# God and Father of Christ

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# Introduction



Do you know the God and Father of Jesus  
Christ?



We know a lot about Jesus Christ, the One and Only begotten Son of the Father. But, how much do we know about the Eternal Father? We call God our Father, but do we really know who He is?



There is an interesting account in the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel of John. This event happened at the resurrection of Jesus...



# John 20

1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.



# John 20

4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.

6 Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there,



# John 20

7 as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen.

8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

10 Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb



# John 20

12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."

14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.



# John 20

15 He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).



# John 20

17 Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet **ascended** to the **Father**. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to **my Father and your Father**, to my **God and your God**.’”



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This is what Jesus said in Matthew 11:27 “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”



When we pray to God the Father through and by the authority of Jesus Christ, do we really know to whom we are praying to?



In this Bible Study, allow us to introduce to you God the Father. He is the Father and God of Jesus, the One True God.



In one of the discussions with the Apostles, Philip said to Jesus; “Show us the Father.”

Jesus replied: “I have been with you this long and you still don’t know the Father.”



Jesus said in John 17 that He has made Him known.  
John testifying in John 1:18 saying:

No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son,  
who is himself God and is in closest relationship with  
the Father, **has made him known.**



So, how well do we know God the Father? Today, we will try to know a little bit more about him and the intimate relationship He shares with Jesus Christ.



Then we can truly come to a meaningful understanding and appreciation of the relationship we will enter into in the Kingdom of God.



# Know the Father



The story begins with John 1:1-2. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.”



The WORD, “Logos” in Greek, means the spokesperson or the one who speaks or the one who is speaking.

In the beginning was the WORD – and was with God and He too was God.



Here, we are presented with two separate and distinct beings of the same divine nature. They are exchanging ideas. One is speaking and the other is listening. The two are in agreement.



The beginning refers to a point in time, it can either refer to eternity past, and at the same time, it can refer to a more specific beginning as in the account of creation.



We have always believed that the Bible speaks for itself, so let us allow the Bible to do its own inspired interpretation. In the context of Scripture, this happens at Genesis – In the beginning....



In the Genesis account, we are presented with the most revealing and inspiring truth about the nature of God



# Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.



The word rendered for God here is from the Hebrew word “ELOHIM.” The plural form of EL. It connotes at least two (2) independent beings.



# Genesis 1

26 Then God said, “**Let us** make mankind in **our image**, in **our likeness**, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.



We know there are at least two beings in conference.  
The one speaking in Genesis is no other than Jesus  
Christ.

We know this because of Hebrews 1:1-3 and  
Colossians 1:15-16.



# Hebrews 1

1 In the past **God** spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways,

2 but in these last days **he** has spoken to us **by his Son**, whom he appointed heir of all things, and **through whom also he made the universe.**



# Hebrews 1

3 The **Son** is the radiance of **God's glory** and the **exact representation of his being**, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the **right hand of the Majesty** in heaven.



# Colossians 1

15 The Son is the **image** of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.



It was Christ who interacted with mankind since the time of Adam. He walked in the Garden of Eden with Adam, appeared to Abraham, spoke with Moses and manifested to the prophets.



The God who spoke is the Word – became Jesus, the Christ. He is the Creator. He created the heavens and the earth and all things that is in it; visible and invisible. He was God and He was Christ. It was the very Creator who came to redeem the created.



## John 1:14

“The **Word** became **flesh** and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and **only Son**, who **came from the Father**, full of grace and truth.”



In this verse we come to know that the WORD  
is the one and only SON who was sent by the  
Father.



# John 1:18

“No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.”



Jesus said that one comes to know the Father  
unless it is made known to him by Jesus  
himself!



At the Last Supper in private and in confidence Jesus talked about the Heavenly Father (John 14:1-4).



# John 14

1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.

2 **My Father’s house** has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

4 You know the way to the place where I am going.”



Philip disrupted with the remark saying “Show us the Father.” Jesus responded by saying: “I have been with you all this while and you don’t know the Father?”

In succeeding verses Jesus explains to the disciples that all this while He has been doing the works of the Father. When they see Jesus at work, it is the Father who works in Him.



# John 14

28 “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am **going to the Father**, for the **Father is greater than I**.

29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.



# John 14

30 I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me,

31 but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.



For the rest of the evening meal, Jesus took the opportunity to reveal God the Father to the disciples. At the Last Supper, the discussion recorded in John chapters 15-17 centered primarily on God the Father, not so much on the Holy Spirit.



Jesus entire discussion hinges on the fact that it is God the Father who will send the Holy Spirit to be with them. The Holy Spirit is to be our comforter and guide. The Holy Spirit is to come from the Father because He will not leave us orphans. Because the Father loves us!



# John 14

15 “If you love me, keep my commands.

16 And **I will ask the Father**, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—

17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.



# John 14

20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

21 Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”



John chapter 17 is Jesus' prayer to God the Father. It summarizes the entire night's discussion and His work on earth. It has always been the Father at work through Jesus Christ!



# John 17

1 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “**Father**, the hour has come. **Glorify your Son**, that your **Son may glorify you**.”

2 For **you granted him** authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.

3 Now **this is eternal life**: that they **know you**, the **only true God, and Jesus Christ**, whom you have sent.



# John 17

4 I have brought **you** glory on earth by finishing the work **you gave me** to do.

5 And now, **Father**, glorify **me** in **your presence** with the glory I had with **you** before the **world began**.

6 “I have **revealed you** to those whom **you gave me** out of the world. They were yours; **you gave** them to me and they have obeyed your word.

7 Now they know that everything you have **given me** comes **from you**.



# John 17

8 For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

9 I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

10 All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them.



# John 17

11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

12 While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.



# John 17

13 “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.

14 I have given them your word and the world has hated them for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.

15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.



# John 17

22 I have given them the glory that **you gave me**, that **they** may be one as **we** are one

23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that **you sent me** and have loved them even as **you have loved me**.



# John 17

24 “Father, I want those **you** have given me to be with me where I am, and to **see my glory**, the glory **you have given me** because **you loved me** before the creation of the world.

25 “Righteous Father, though the **world does not know you**, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.

26 I have **made you known** to them, and will **continue to make you known** in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”



Father grants authority to the Son



God the Father has given all authority and judgment to Jesus Christ. Everything was created for Him and by Him.



All authority had been given by the Father to Jesus Christ. Here are Jesus' own declarations:



# John 5:20-27

20 For the **Father loves the Son** and **shows him all he does**. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed.

21 For just as the **Father raises the dead** and gives them life, **even so the Son gives life** to whom he is pleased to give it.



# John 5:20-27

22 Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son,

23 that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.



# John 5:20-27

26 For as the **Father** has life in himself, so he has granted the **Son** also to have life in himself.

27 And **he** has given **him authority** to judge because he is the Son of Man.



# Matthew 11:27

All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.



# Matthew 28:18

Then Jesus came to them and said, “**All authority** in heaven and on earth has been **given to me**.”



# The Work of the Father



Jesus said the Father is working out His plan.



# John 5:17

Jesus said:

“My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working.”



What works is He doing? The work of the Father is to finish the plan for mankind that He had predestined before the world began.

This plan is detailed in Ephesians chapter 1.



# Ephesians 1

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
To God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ  
Jesus:

2 Grace and peace to you from **God our Father** and  
the **Lord Jesus Christ**.



# Ephesians 1

3 Praise be to the **God and Father *of* our Lord Jesus Christ**, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

4 For **he** (he here refers to the Father) chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.



# Ephesians 1

In love

5 **he** (Father) predestined us for adoption to sonship **through Jesus Christ**, in accordance with **his** (Father) pleasure and will—

6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which **he** (Father) has freely given us in **the One he loves**.



# Ephesians 1

7 In **him** (Father) we have redemption through **his** (Christ) **blood**, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

8 that **he** (Father) lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,



# Ephesians 1

9 **he** (Father) made known to us the mystery of **his will** (Father) according to **his good pleasure** (Father) which **he purposed** in Christ,

10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.



# Ephesians 1

11 In **him** (Father) we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the **plan of him** (Father) who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of **his will**, (Father)

12 in order that we, who were the first to put our **hope in Christ**, might be for the praise of **his glory** (Father).



# Ephesians 1

13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in **him** (Father) with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's (Father) possession—to the praise of **his** (Father) glory.



# Ephesians 1

15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people,

16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.



# Ephesians 1

17 I keep asking that the **God *of* our Lord Jesus Christ**, the **glorious Father**, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know **him** (Father) better.

18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which **he** (Father) has called you, the riches of **his** (Father) glorious inheritance in **his** (Father) holy people,



# Ephesians 1

19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength

20 **he** (Father) exerted when **he** (Father) raised Christ from the dead and seated him at **his** (Father) right hand in the heavenly realms,



# Ephesians 1

21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

22 And **God** (Father) placed all things under his feet and appointed **him** (Jesus Christ) to be head over everything for the church,

23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.



Here are some related works that God the Father is doing:



# Luke 12:32

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

The Father’s good pleasure is to give you the kingdom.



# John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

He loves us and sent Jesus to redeem us.



# John 14:26

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

He gives the Holy Spirit.



# John 8:28

So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.

He taught Christ what to speak.



# John 5:19

Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

Jesus does nothing on his own.



# Hebrews 1:2

but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

Speak through His son.



# Matthew 11:27

“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

All authority has been given to Christ by the Father



# Acts 1:7

He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

He sets the timing of the return of Christ.



# Matthew 24:36

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.



All Accomplished



So what is God the Father doing?

He is actively involved in our salvation. He is working out His plan through His Son Jesus Christ



He loves us and cares for us. He personally sends the Holy Spirit to each and every one of us. And He is working out this salvation with Jesus Christ. The Father, at the perfect time, will send Christ again to complete the plan of salvation.



The Father has a plan – to bring many sons unto glory. This is the whole purpose of creation.



At the end of all things, when Jesus will have destroyed all enemies and the plan will have been completed, Jesus will hand over the Kingdom to the Father.



# 1 Corinthians 15:26-28

26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

27 For **he** (Father) “has put everything under **his** (Jesus) feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under **him** (Jesus), it is clear that this does not include **God himself**, (does not include the Father) who put everything under Christ.

28 When **he** (Father) has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to **him** (Father) who put everything under **him** (Christ), so that **God** (Father) may be all in all.



Thus, everything will have been completed.  
God the Father will be all in all!



# Revelation 21

1 Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.



# Revelation 21

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! **God’s** (Father) dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

4 ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’”



# Revelation 21

5 He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”



# Revelation 21

6 He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

7 Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be **my children**.



God the Father is to dwell with men. Then, everything is accomplished. God the Father will be with men in the New Jerusalem. And we will serve Him and be with Him. He will be our God and we His children. With Jesus Christ as our elder brother. We will be one big happy divine family in the Kingdom of our Father!!!



# Summary



Now, we know God the Father. He is working out His plan through Jesus Christ His son.



God the Father is the ultimate authority. He is indeed the beginning and the end. At the end of the age, Jesus will hand over the Kingdom to the Father. The father will dwell with men forever. Both the Father and Jesus Christ will be in the New Jerusalem. The Father will eventually assume full responsibility that all may be in all.



Therefore, brethren, look forward to being part of this magnificent Kingdom of God. God our Father, Jesus Christ our brother and us all in the home of the righteous – in the Kingdom of our Father.



# Revelation 21

22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the **Lord God Almighty** and **the Lamb** are its temple.

23 The city does not need the **sun** or the **moon** to shine on it, for the glory of **God** (Father) gives it light, and the **Lamb** (Christ) is its lamp.



# Revelation 22

3 No longer will there be any curse. **The throne of God *and* of the Lamb** will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.

4 They will see his face, and **his** (Father) name will be on their foreheads.



# Revelation 22

5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.



Now, do you know God  
the Father?



# 1 John 5:20

We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know **him** (Father) who is true. And we are in **him** who is true by being in **his Son Jesus Christ**. **He** (Father) is the true God and eternal life.



Now, we know who the Father is!

May His name be praised forever more!!!



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