



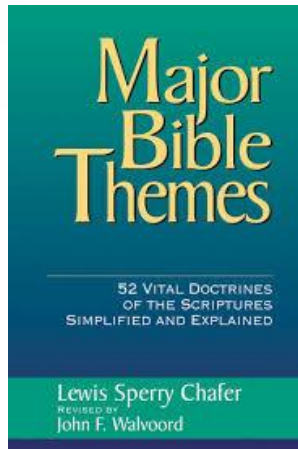
52 VITAL DOCTRINES OF THE SCRIPTURE
SIMPLIFIED AND EXPLAINED

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Chapter Six: God the Father

Step # One

Find the Outline



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A. The Father as the First Person

B. Fatherhood over Creation

C. Father by Intimate Relationship

D. Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

E. Father of all who Believe in Christ

Understand It



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A. The Father as the First Person

In the revelation of the three persons who constitute the Holy Trinity - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - the First Person is designated as the Father. As such, the Father is not the entire Trinity just as the Son is not the Trinity nor the Spirit the Trinity. The Trinity includes all three persons.

Father is presented as electing, loving, and bestowing. The Son is presented as suffering, redeeming, and upholding the universe. The Holy Spirit is presented as regenerating, indwelling, baptizing, energizing, and sanctifying.

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B. Fatherhood over Creation

Although all three persons participated in the creation and up holding of the physical universe and creatures who exist in it, the First Person, or God the Father, in a special way is the Father of all creation. He is called Father in a number of Passages.

In Acts 17:28 we read “For in him we live, and move, and have our being.”

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C. Father by Intimate Relationship

The Father has ordained that He would have an intimate relationship with His people. Israel was declared to be, "...my son, even my firstborn." It was said of Solomon, "I will be his father, and he shall be my son". He declares that He will be a Father to all who trust in Him as their savior.

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D. Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

The most important and extensive revelation in regard to the fatherhood of God involves the relationship of the First Person to the Second Person. The First Person is described as "the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 1:3).

Scripture seems clearly to indicate that the Second Person has been a Son in relation to the First Person from all eternity past. As such He is the "only begotten Son" (John 3:16) whom God "gave" as a Son to the world when the Son became incarnate

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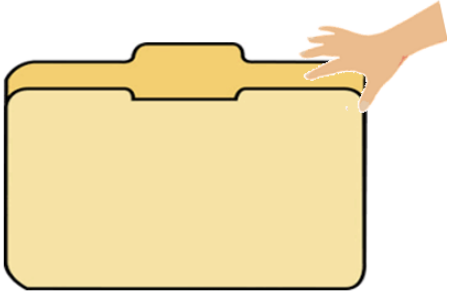


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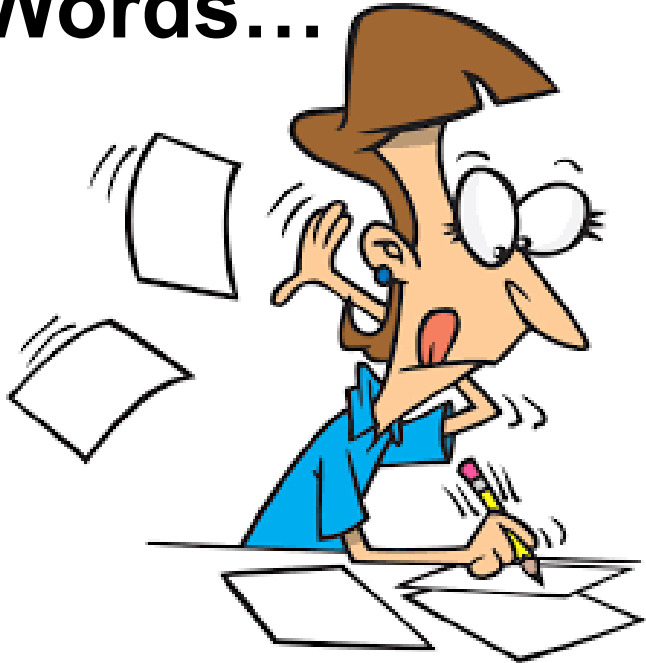
God is the Father in a special sense of those who believe in Christ and have received eternal life. Scripture teaches instead that only those who believe in Christ unto salvation are the sons of God in a spiritual sense. By the regenerating work of the Spirit the believer is made a legitimate child of God. God being actually his Father, he is impelled by the Spirit to say, “Abba, Father.

To file it...



Write it Down

**Underline Main
Words...**



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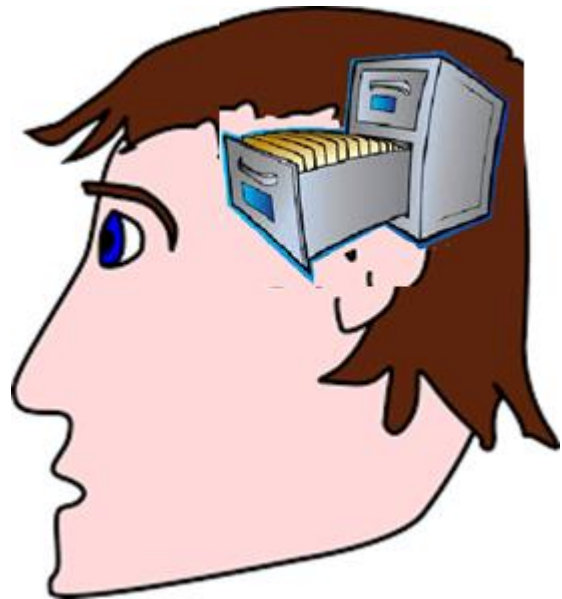
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Memorize it



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Here is an Acrostic to help you...

God the Father ...



B Believers in Christ- Sons of the Father

I Intimate Relationship- With the Father

C Creation- The Father of Creation

C Christ- Son of the Father

F First Person- Is the Father

Step # Two

Read the Section and look up the passages



Fatherhood over Creation

Eph 3:14-15 *For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,*

Heb 12:9 *Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?*

Jas 1:17 *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.*

Job 1:6 *Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.*

Luke 3:38 *the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.*

Mal 2:10 *Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? Why then are we faithless to one another, profaning the covenant of our fathers?*

Act 17:29 *Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.*

Father by Intimate Relationship

Exo 4:22 *Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD, Israel is my firstborn son,*

2Sa 7:14 *I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men,*

Psalms 103:13 *As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.*

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

Eph 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,*

Col 1:15 *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.*

2Cor 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,*

Gal 4:4 *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,*

Heb 1:2 *but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.*

Isa 7:14 *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

Isa 9:6 *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

1. The Son of God is said to have been begotten of the Father

Psalm 2:7 *I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son"; today I have begotten you.*

John 1:14 *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

John 1:18 *No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*

John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world, that he **gave his only Son**, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:18 *Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the **only Son of God**.*

1John 4:9 *In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his **only Son** into the world, so that we might live through him.*

2. The Father acknowledged the Lord Jesus Christ to be His Son

Mat 3:17 *and behold, a voice from heaven said, "**This is my beloved Son,** with whom I am well pleased."*

Mat 17:5 *He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "**This is my beloved Son,** with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."*

Luke 9:35 *And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "**This is my Son,** my Chosen One; listen to him!"*

3. The Father is acknowledged by the Son

Mat 11:27 *All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.*

John 8:19 *They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also."*

John 17:1 *When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,*

4. The fact that God the Father is the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ is acknowledged by men

Mat 16:16 *Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

Mark 15:39 *And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"*

John 1:34 *And I (John the Baptist) have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."*

5. The Son acknowledges the Father by being subject to Him

John 8:28-29 *So Jesus said to them, "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 authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for **I always do the things that are pleasing to him.**"*

5. Even the demons recognize this relationship between the Father and the Son

Mat 8:29 *And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, **O Son of God?** Have you come here to torment us before the time?"*

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Rom 8:16-17 *The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*

1Pet 1:3-4 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,*

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John 8:44 *You are of your father the devil*, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

They are the tares called the children of the wicked one"

Mat 13:38 *The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds (tares) are the sons of the evil one,*

They are called children of wrath"

Eph 2:2-3 *in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.*

The fatherhood of God is an important doctrine of the New Testament

John 20:17 *Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"*

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Eph 2:18 *For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.*

Eph 4:6 *one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

Step # Three

Memorize one Passage per section

Learn general and specific later.

- Highlight key words
- Understand difficult words and the meaning

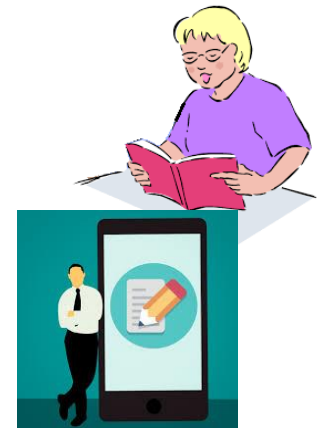


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Father of all who Believe in Christ

John 1:12 *But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to **become children of God,***

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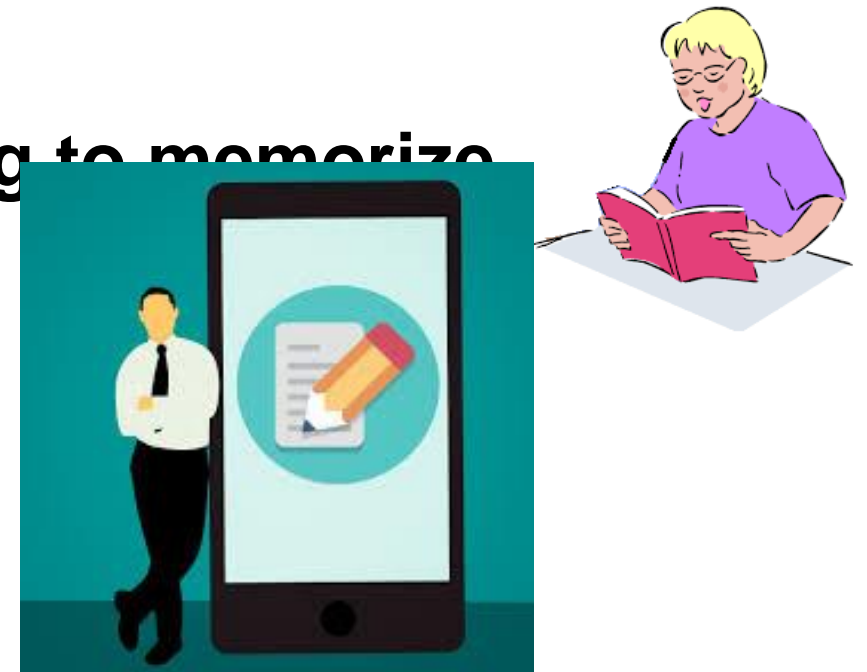


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Step # Four Take the Test at the end of the chapter

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1.How are the works of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit contrasted in the New Testament?

Father is presented as electing, loving, and bestowing. The Son is presented as suffering, redeeming, and upholding the universe. The Holy Spirit is presented as regenerating, indwelling, baptizing, energizing, and sanctifying.

2. What are the four distinct aspects of the fatherhood of God?

(1) God as the Father of all creation; (2) God the Father by intimate relationship; (3) God as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; and (4) God as the Father of all who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

3. Summarize the evidence that God is the Father of all creation

On the basis of many texts, there is sufficient ground to conclude that the First Person of the Trinity as the Creator is the Father of all creation and that all creatures, having physical life, owe their origin to Him.

4. What is meant by the fatherhood of God by intimate relationship?

Moses instructed Pharoah, "Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn." This was more than merely being their Creator and was less than saying that they were regenerated, for not all Israel had spiritual life. It does affirm a special relationship of divine care and solicitude for Israel similar to that of a father to a son.

5. Discuss the question of the eternity of the relationship of father and son between God the Father and Jesus Christ.

Scripture seems clearly to indicate that the Second Person has been a Son in relation to the First Person from all eternity past. As such He is the "only begotten Son" (John 3:16) whom God "gave" as a Son to the world when the Son became incarnate. Scripture seems to indicate that He was given as a Son - not given in order to become a Son.

6.. What are some of the evidences supporting the concept of God the Father in relation to Jesus Christ the Son?

In using the terms "Father" and "Son" to describe the First and Second Persons, the terms are elevated to their highest level, indicating oneness of life, oneness of character and attributes, and yet a relationship in which the Father can give and send the Son even though this involves ultimately the obedience of the Son in dying on the cross. The obedience of Christ is based upon His sonship. The relationship between the First and the Second Persons of the Trinity is actually that of a father to a son and a son to a father

7. What is meant by God being the Father of all who believe in Christ?

In contrast to the concept of God the Father as the Creator which extends to all creatures is the truth that God is the Father in a special sense of those who believe in Christ and have received eternal life.

8.. How does a man become a son of God?

Believe and Receive

9.What are some of the results of becoming a son of God?

By the regenerating work of the Spirit the believer is made a legitimate child of God. God being actually his Father, he is impelled by the Spirit to say, "Abba, Father." Being born of God, he is a partaker of the divine nature, and on the ground of that birth, he is heir of God and a joint-heir with Christ

10. What is the error involved in stating that all men are the children of God?

The fact that God is the Father of all creation does not assure the salvation of all men or give them eternal life. Scripture is clear that there is salvation only for those who have received Christ by faith as their Savior. The claim that God the Father is the Father of all mankind and that there is therefore a universal brotherhood among men does not mean that all are saved and will go to heaven.

When the teachings of Scripture relative to the present power and authority of Satan are considered, added proof is given that all men are not children of God by their natural birth. In this connection the most direct and faithful sayings of Christ are in evidence. Speaking of those who disbelieved He said, "Ye are of your father the devil"

11. How does the fatherhood of God provide comfort to a believer in Christ?

The assurance of the love and care of our Heavenly Father is a great comfort to Christians and an encouragement to faith and prayer.