

# **The Father's Love**

***Romans 8:14-17***

# Introduction.

- God is called Father 7 times in the O.T.
- However, it is Jesus who reveals this relationship in His teachings.
- In the sermon on the mount, Jesus refers to God as Father 17 times.
  - Consider 12 instances from Matthew 6.
    - *Matthew 6:1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 14, 15, 18, 26, 32*

# Introduction

- In this lesson, we will focus our attention on six ways God manifests His Fatherhood towards His children.

# God's Fatherly Love

- **Is Forgiving.**

- God's love for us is why He sent Jesus to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins. ***John 3:14-18; cf. Heb 10:3-10***
- God forgives our past sins when we come to Him. ***Heb 8:10-12***
- Example: God forgave the apostle Paul. ***1 Tim 1:12-16***

# God's Fatherly Love

- **Is Instructional.**
  - God teaches us so we come to Christ.  
***John 6:43-48***
  - God teaches us so we can walk in fellowship with Him. ***Heb 8:10-11; 2 Tim 3:16-17***

# God's Fatherly Love

- **Is Fair and Just.**
  - God does not show partiality. **Acts 10:34-35, 42-43**
    - “...whoever fears Him...” (vs 35)
    - “...He is Lord of all...” (vs 36)
    - “...whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.” (vs 43)

# God's Fatherly Love

- ***Is Corrective.***

- God gives us correction through His Word.

- “...profitable for doctrine, for **reproof**, for **correction...**” **2 Tim 3:16-17**

- God's correction also comes through consequences and repercussions. ***Cf. Prov 3:11-12***

- Consider Jonah.

- Consider also deserved suffering. **1 Pet 4:15**

# God's Fatherly Love

- ***Allows Us to Suffer and Grow.***
  - Being servants of Christ brings sufferings and trials. ***1 Pet 4:12-16***
  - Suffering for righteousness is part of the disciplining process. ***Heb 12:3-11***
  - Suffering and trials builds strength, patience and determination.

# God's Fatherly Love

- **Is Personal.**

- Jesus said, "...your Father..."

- ***Matt 6:6, 8, 9, 14, 15***

- You can pray to God, "Abba (Father), Father."  
***Rom 8:14-17***

# Conclusion

- God's Love for Us ...
  - Is Forgiving.
  - Is Instructional.
  - Is Fair and Just.
  - Is Corrective.
  - Allows us to Suffer and Grow.
  - Is Personal.