

The Father Heart of God
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(23) One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side, [John 13:23]

(25) Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him... (Luke 2:25)

(36) And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, (37) ...She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. (38) And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. [Luke 2:36-38]

(55) "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" (56) The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. (57) But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. [1 Corinthians 15:55-57]

(31) For he was wiser than all other men... Ethan... [1 Kings 4:31]

(1) A Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite. I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. [Psalm 89:1]

(22) The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, (23) I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. (24) Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. [John 17:22-24]

Practical Application

Christian...

1. You are dearly loved by God. Jesus (The Son of God) loves you and wants to walk in close relationship with you. God delights in being with you. You are His beloved child (son/daughter). Love Him because He first loved you.
2. Jesus is your righteousness. God is devoted to you. He will console you, empower you, and love you forever. So, do good, be devoted to Him, and rest in His consoling mercy. He is with you.
3. God has a calling for your life. God is protecting you. He loves having you in His house (family). The Father loves hearing from you and communicating with you. He has given you Himself and all His good gifts. Jesus has paid the price to redeem you. Therefore, tell others how good He is. Give your heart fully to Him each day. Talk to Him and listen to Him. Be thankful for Jesus and all He has done for you. He is working in your waiting right now.
4. Jesus is your victory. God always wins. In Him, you win. You are a winner and not a loser. Jesus is your healer. You will be healed forever. Because of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ you will experience triumphant victory forever. Evil, darkness, disease, and death do not have the last say in your life. God does. You will rise, you will live, and you will win forever. Live with faith, hope, and resurrection love. Enjoy His victory.

5. God is your strength. Jesus (The Son of God) is your wisdom. The Lord loves you and is faithful to you. He is your song and your salvation. Therefore, be strong, ask for wisdom in all you do, rest in His faithfulness, and sing praises to Him. Enjoy Jesus, and tell of His salvation to everyone you can. You have a message and a mission.
6. Jesus Christ came from heaven to earth because God wants a loving relationship with you that will last forever. Jesus is a unifying bridge builder between God and people. Jesus has connected you with your Heavenly Holy Father (Abba). You have been given His glory, presence, perfection, and infinite and eternal love. You have a forever home with God. So, live out that unity and oneness with others. Love and honor others. Be a bridge builder, a unifier, and a connector. Do this so that the world might see and know who Jesus really is, who God is, and might experience His infinite and eternal love forever with you.

Announcements

-Kid's summer Art Camp will be July 15-18 (5:30-8pm).

-No regular Wednesday night activities over the Summer Break.

-Our Youth Group is having having special events all Summer. See David Barrero for more info.

-Please be praying for Michael and Elijah Garrison as they go on a mission trip to love and serve the Navajo people in New Mexico with Word of Life Ministry alongside Wayne and Kim Price. The trip is June 23-July 8th.

-All of our Small Groups meet weekly. See our small group guide to find one that is best for you.