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## **“Faith and Fathers”**

**“For you are our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not acknowledge us; you, O LORD, are our Father, our Redeemer from of old is your name.” (Isaiah 63:16)**

### **Born from Above**

**Luke 3:23, 38** – (23) “Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli,...(38) the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.”

**John 3:3** – “Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again (*from above*) he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

**James 1:17-18** – (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. (18) Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.”

### **Faith in which Father?**

**1 Corinthians 15:45-49** – (45) “Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. (46) But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. (47) The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. (48) As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. (49) Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.”

**Matthew 23:9** - “And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.”

**Luke 14:25-26** – (25) “Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, (26) ‘If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.’”

## **Stop the Lame Blame Game**

**Ezekiel 18:1-3, 20** – (1) “The word of the LORD came to me: (2) ‘What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? (3) As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. (20) The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.’”

**Jeremiah 31:29-31** – (29) “In those days they shall no longer say: ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’ (30) But everyone shall die for his own iniquity. Each man who eats sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge. (31) ‘Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah’”

## **Dedicate Yourself to the Heavenly Father**

**1 Peter 1:17-19** – (17) “And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, (18) knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, (19) but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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