



God Our Father

ROMANS 1:7

To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. v. 7

GOD THE FATHER

- 1 God the Father is the first of three equal persons of the Trinity. (1 Cor 8:6)
- 2 God reveals Himself as Father in His role and relationship to His Son. (Jn 6:38)
- 3 God is our Father as we are adopted as co-heirs with Christ. (Rom 8:16-17)

I. God our Father is the _____ of the road to redemption.

... making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. Ephesians 1:9-10

- Allow Him to prepare _____ for the path He's prepared for you to walk.

But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Isaiah 64:8

II. God our Father is the _____ of every good and perfect gift.

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. James 1:17

- Submit your _____ to a good Father who gives good gifts.

"Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" Matthew 7:9-11

III. God our Father is the _____ of our hope for what is to come.

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. 1 John 3:1-3

- Set your _____ on the one who will welcome you home.

"And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him." Luke 15:20



ROAD TO REDEMPTION

DEVOTIONAL STUDY

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. In what ways has your father on earth helped or hindered your biblical view of God as Father? What has helped you most on your journey to understanding the character of God as your heavenly Father?

2. Read Ephesians 1:9-10 and Isaiah 64:8. How have you noticed God preparing you for the path He has you walking right now? In what ways does this comfort you?

3. Read James 1:17 and Matthew 7:9-11. When have you struggled to believe that God is good? What is the relationship between seeing God as good and submitting to Him?

4. Read 1 John 3:1-3 and Luke 15:11-32. How do these passages show us that God is so completely “other” compared to any ideas of a father that we’ve experienced before?

5. What other thoughts from the sermon were particularly thought-provoking or helpful to you?

6. How can you pray for those you know who are in a fatherly role? (This may also include yourself.) What else might you do to encourage and support them?

“He remembers our frame and knows that we are dust. He may sometimes chasten us, it is true, but even this He does with a smile, the proud, tender smile of a Father who is bursting with pleasure over an imperfect but promising son who is coming every day to look more and more like the One whose child he is.”

A. W. TOZER

“Satan is ever seeking to inject that poison into our hearts to distrust God’s goodness—especially in connection with his commandments. That is what really lies behind all evil, lusting and disobedience. A discontent with our position and portion, a craving from something which God has wisely held from us. Reject any suggestion that God is unduly severe with you. Resist with the utmost abhorrence anything that causes you to doubt God’s love and his lovingkindness toward you. Allow nothing to make you question the Father’s love for his child.”

A. W. PINK

“There is no wonder more supernatural and divine in the life of a believer than the mystery and ministry of prayer ... the hand of the child touching the arm of the Father and moving the wheel of the universe.”

A. B. SIMPSON

A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn’t based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God’s love for us. Here’s how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9) “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God: “Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.”

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here’s a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you’d like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR KIDSCAMP This week, we have the joy of hosting KidsCamp 2024 and the privilege of inviting each child who attends into the Kingdom of God! Join us in going to God together as we pray for the kids to be drawn into the gospel, know Jesus loves them and accept Him as their savior! We can’t wait to see what God does, and we’ll update you next Sunday on how He moved in and through the best week of the summer.

DIGITAL RESOURCES Throughout the week, grow in faith and encourage others to do the same! Check out Christ Chapel’s digital resources by visiting our social media channels, YouTube, website and brand-new app! Each resource comes with content that helps all of us continue to Be disciples, Make disciples and Reach out to more of the 800,000 for God’s glory, the good of the community and for our faith to increase in Jesus!

STUDENT MINISTRY’S SUMMER PLANS Community is happening beyond the school semesters, and this summer, it’s waiting for you, students! Our teams are thrilled to host summer events, hangouts and more chances for you to continue growing in your relationship with Jesus. Get ready for upcoming events by checking out the calendars on our student page at www.ccbcfamily.org/students.

MANPOWER Is a group that serves the widows and single moms of Christ Chapel one Saturday every month and they’re looking for more men to join their crew! Experience and special skills aren’t needed — just a willingness to get your hands dirty and help with outdoor projects and home maintenance tasks. Email us at ManPower@christchapelbc.org to learn more and sign up today.

BE, MAKE AND REACH WITH LIVE PRODUCTION If you have experience and interest in live production and camera operation, we’d love to chat with you about volunteering with our Production Team. Get the conversation started by visiting @christchapelproduction on Instagram and send us a message today.

SERVE IN KIDS MINISTRY THIS SUMMER Are you looking for a Be, Make and Reach opportunity this summer? Join our Summer Refresher Team and help so many of our dedicated Kids Ministry volunteers have a couple Sundays off. When you serve with Kids Ministry, you’ll have the opportunity to build into the next generation, proclaim the gospel to eager hearts and serve our church family! Register today by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/kids.



LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU’D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—text GIVE to 24253 to get started.