

## We Are God's Children

In our modern world, we see so many children that have no parents to take care of them. They are put into institutions that can never give them the love that a mother and father could give, so they grow up missing the most important thing - Mom and Dad. I believe the same thing happens in the spiritual world, when people don't receive God as their Father.

Jesus showed the world what could happen in a person's life when they have God as their Father, and they give Him control over their life. I want to point out some Scriptures where Jesus showed us His relationship with His Father. By the way, His Father is our Father.

When Jesus was twelve years old, He went with Joseph and Mary to Jerusalem. When His parents left to go home, Jesus stayed behind. After searching for Him for three days, Mary and Joseph found Him in the temple.

Luke 2:46-49 KJV And it came to pass, that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. [47] And all that heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. [48] And when they saw Him, they were amazed: and His mother said unto him, Son, why hast Thou thus dealt with us? behold, Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing. [49] And He said unto them, How is it that ye sought Me? wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?

Jesus was connecting with Father God, even when He was 12 years old.

John 3:34-35 NLT For He is sent by God. He speaks God's words, for God gives Him the Spirit without limit. [35] The Father loves His Son and has put everything into His hands.

John [5:17-20](#) NLT But Jesus replied, "My Father is always working, and so am I." [18] So the Jewish leaders tried all the harder to find a way to kill Him. For He not only broke the Sabbath, He called God His Father, thereby making Himself equal with God. [19] So Jesus explained, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by Himself. He does only what He sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. [20] For the Father loves the Son and shows Him everything He is doing. In fact, the Father will show Him how to do even greater works than healing this man. Then you will truly be astonished.

John 14:7-11 NLT If you had really known Me, you would know who My Father is. From now on, you do know Him and have seen Him!" [8] Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." [9] Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father! So why are you asking Me to show Him to you? [10] Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words I speak are not My own, but My Father who lives in Me does His work through Me. [11] Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen Me do.

You have probably heard this said, "That boy acts just like his dad."

When we receive Jesus into our lives, we are receiving God as our Father; and we then have the same Father as Jesus. When we become Christians, we have a spiritual Father that can take us to a Heavenly way of living, if we pursue Him. God will teach us to live and act like Him, if we so desire.

Love you,  
Pastor Paul