



PARK STREET

BRETHREN CHURCH

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The Father (Isaiah 63:16)



The Message of Faith

Scripture reveals the first person of the trinity as the Father. The created world testifies to Him in both the external order of nature and the internal working of conscience.

As the Father of Old Testament Israel, He led the nation with parental love and care, with warnings, chastenings, and promise of inheritance.

He sent His beloved Son into the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. All who confess Him as Lord, the Father makes a new creation and adopts as His children.



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God is not revealed to us as the Father through Scripture because God is male but rather because God wants us to know something of His nature through the analogy of what fathers do.

God the Father...

Creates (1 Corinthians 8:6)

Instructs (Proverbs 4:1-9)

Disciplines (Hebrews 12:4-11)

Provides (Matthew 7:9-11)

Protects (Psalm 68:5-6)



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God is the Father of...

All Creation (Rom. 1:20, Isa. 63:16)

Romans 1:20

²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Isaiah 63:16

¹⁶ But you are our Father,
though Abraham does not know us
or Israel acknowledge us;
you, Lord, are our Father,
our Redeemer from of old is your name.

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The People of Israel (Deut. 7:6-8)

Deuteronomy 7:6-8

⁶ For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

Deuteronomy 7:6-8

7 The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples.

Deuteronomy 7:6-8

⁸ But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

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Matthew 3:16-17

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

John 16:28

²⁸ I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father.”

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***All Christians (2 Cor. 5:17, Gal. 4:4-7,
Rom. 8:14-16)***

2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Galatians 4:4-7

4 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

Galatians 4:4-7

⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Romans 8:14-16

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.



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