



“I Believe in God the Father”

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth

1. Belief in God is not the same as belief in God the _____

“We are not illegitimate children,” they protested. “The only Father we have is God himself.”

Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me.”
—John 8:41-42

2. Knowing God as the Father, comes through having a _____ with Jesus

You were dead through the sins in which you once lived...following the ways of the world and the devil. All of us once lived like this in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead in our sins, made us alive together with Christ— For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast.—Ephesians 2:1-10

Knowing God as Father involves a spiritual _____

3. You are not _____ a child of God, you must _____ a child of God.

Yet to all who received [Jesus], to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.
- John 1:12-13

“How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answer was, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit...” - John 3:4ff

4. If God is our Father, it changes the way we _____ to God

“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God.” - Romans 8:14-16

5. God is our Father _____

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; - Psalm 103:8-13

Memory verse: *“Yet to all who received [Jesus], to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” - John 1:12*

(Father Almighty, Relationship, Transaction, Born, Become, Relate, Almighty)

My Next Step Today is...

- Memorize John 1:12
- What is the best part of having God as your Father? The most challenging part?
- What’s one big thing you can do to change how you relate to God?
- When do you most feel like a child of God? When do you least feel it?
- I want to talk to someone about receiving Christ as my Savior.

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