

## The Whole Church #22 – The Fatherhood of God, #10

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### Monday:

*“For unto us a Child is born. Unto us a Son is given. And the government will be upon His shoulders. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, **Everlasting Father**, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace, there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform it.”* Isaiah 9: 6-7.

The Kingdom of God is coming right now, at a rate that I’ve never seen before.

All you see and hear is all the negative stuff coming at you in the world. With all the ugly stuff that’s coming at us, and all the stuff that kind of looks hopeless, if you are not careful, you will get down in the mouth a bit.

**But with all that negative stuff coming at us, I’ve never felt safer in my whole life than I do right at this moment. That’s what your relationship with the Father will do for you. You’re going to need that. It’s not going to be a luxury. It’s not going to be an option. It’s going to be mandatory.**

When you say “Amen” to the reading of the word, you are embracing that as truth. And when you embrace it as truth, it goes into your psyche, your makeup, and the Lord begins to expound that and deal with you. And you start to make decisions and reason and decide, based on what real truth is, not what perceived or partial truth is.

### Tuesday:

A quick review of the spiritual DNA of Trinity Fellowship: The Kingdom of God, Our Relationship with the Father, Grace, Our Relationship with One Another, Equipping the Saints, Signs and Wonders and the Poor.

When we start to talk about God as Father, three problems tend to pop up.

- The biggest one: **Everybody thinks they already know, because they know the concept, that He’s our Heavenly Father.**
  - But what we are talking about is not just knowing the concept, but having the experiential knowledge of God as a Father, you and me engaging in actual relationship with the Creator of the universe, Who could be anything He wanted to be, but His choice was to be Father.
  - The magic happens when you start to relate to Him as Father and you start to engage in relationship with Him as Father. If you don’t do that, you are going to miss a lot.

- The whole Bible is put together for one reason, to lead you to an encounter with God Himself.
- The second one: **We have all had an imperfect example, in the natural, of what a true father is supposed to be. Some of those imperfections have left deep, deep wounds in people, because of their relationship with their fathers.**
  - Please go back to our Facebook page and listen to last weeks message. We gave a whole list of things, father issues and how you come out of those things.
  - If you had a really bad dad who criticized you all the time and abused you verbally, that could cause you to not be able to give your whole heart to God.
  - You are going to get as much from Him as you give of your heart to Him.
  - The people who are going to be the most effective, who God's going to use the most, are the sons and daughters who understand who they are.
  - A huge percentage of the church really doesn't know who they are if they are not coming into their sonship.
- The third problem: **Here at Trinity Fellowship, are we ignoring or missing or minimizing Jesus? Are we minimizing the work that Jesus did? Are we missing something here? Or are we on to something?**

### **Wednesday:**

Todd Pierce, who travels all over, is doing some fantastic stuff out there. It's called, "Riding High Ministry". You really should check it out. He said to me, "*whatever you do, don't stop singing your song about the Father*".

God has given us a revelation that God is a Father. Do something with that, but the first thing you do is, do it yourself.

There has been very little talk or teaching about the Father worldwide. That leaves the church vague about Who God really is. The result is, millions of people are left not knowing who they are. Therefore, the church has become an orphanage

Christocentric, which means, Jesus being at the center of everything we do. That's a good point.

Jesus talked about the Father a lot. In the book of John, it's talked about 117 times. John had a lot to say about the Father.

Being Christocentric; is that just talking about Jesus? Or is it talking about Jesus *and* the things that Jesus talked about? I think we have to agree that it's about both.

The Lord's Prayer starts out like this, "**Our Father**". Jesus is giving us permission to relate to God, the Creator of the universe, exactly like He does. That's a big deal! Jesus is introducing us

to the Father.

The church has been immersed in a Jesus culture.

#### **Thursday:**

People try to make it logical; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You can't make it logical, but you can receive it, because it's truth, and God's given you the faith to know it, whether you understand it and can explain it or not.

Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either. He who acknowledges the Son has the Father also. Jesus didn't **have** a message; He **was** the message.

You have a strong measure of faith. And what you do with that faith is going to dictate whether it gets stronger, or just stays lazy. But it's there. Nobody can ignite it and activate it- but you.

Jesus said, "*I and the Father are one*". You can't separate Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Three in one is a good way to describe that.

All the fullness, everything of the Godhead, Father, Son Holy Spirit in bodily form. So Jesus embodied everything about the Father. That's why He said, "*If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father*".

No one knows the things of God, except the Spirit of God. You are made up of your body, your flesh, your mind, will and emotions and your spirit, which is the part of you that lives forever. It's in your spirit where the Spirit of God comes to live and to dwell.

So the Spirit of God knows everything, every single thing that's in the heart of God for you. The greatest gift that we were ever given in the context of time or eternity, is when God gave you His Spirit.

It's your relational thing with the Father. It's the Spirit of God that quickens your heart to those things. It's the Spirit of God when you're reading through the Bible, and a word or phrase just kind of pops out at you. That's the Spirit of God, because He knows the deep things of God.

Everything you need to know about your life, or anything you're involved with, is easy access for you, but you have to go to Him to get it. And the Spirit of God is the One Who helps sort those out and gives those things out to you.

#### **Friday:**

When the Spirit of God lives in you, you have the mind of Christ.

You have the mind of Christ right now, but you have to give up your logic, your opinions, your view on everything in favor of the mind of Christ. You have the ready help of the Holy Spirit to show you at every juncture, everything you do in life.

Start paying attention. God made this stuff easy. It's so easy, that people just don't do it a lot of times. That's just flat out embarrassing to the body of Christ.

Jesus didn't come to save the lost. Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost to that

generation and a lot of generations before that.

A lot of people know about God, but nobody know Him. In fact, they were so far from knowing Him that when He came in the flesh, they killed Him.

Jesus's highest priority is to bring us to the Father and for us to know the Father, like He knew the Father.

When referring to the end times, people ask me where my urgency is, because I don't talk about it much. My urgency is doing this right here, talking to you about the things that are important in the heart of the Father for you.

Saturday:

How do you get to know God? Everybody's first answer is to read the Bible. I'm not sure that we don't have the cart in front of the horse on that. If you don't know the Father, you will never understand the Bible.

You can have the same high quality of life that Jesus had in Him, and that God the Father has in Him. You can have that quality of life in you. All you have to do is just receive it and cooperate a little.

If you look at the Bible without a relationship with your Father, a bunch of it is going to come across as law and legalism and a bar set up so high, you can't make it. I hear preachers all the time preaching and teaching from this book right here, and teaching things that are not consistent with the nature of the Father. Happens all the time. But it's not going to happen here.

Would it be beneficial to encourage new converts to first start to develop their relationship with the Father? That's something to consider. They would need to be directed, coached and encouraged by someone who is actually do it.

You can have all your biblical facts correct, but if you're not engaged in an ongoing relationship with the Father, you're still an orphan. And what's worse for leaders, you're still training up more orphans. It only comes through relationship.

The FATHER wants to have an actual relationship with you. He wants the two of you to share a life. He wants to talk to you. He wants you to listen, He wants you to talk to Him. He wants to listen to you. Are you doing that? Because that's what matters.

Don't get away from the Bible. God moves in accordance with what's written in this book. We all should be students of the word of God. But, be sure to emphasize the relationship with Him first.