

# Theology 101

## God the Father

- I. God the Father as God
  - A. We have already established that God's very nature is expressed as a Trinity.
  - B. Each Person of the Godhead is equal in deity and glory. The Divine attributes and characteristics we looked at last week apply to all Three.
- II. The Four-Fold Fatherhood of God
  - A. Father through Creation
    1. God is the Father of Creation in that everything that is was created by God.
      - a) God is the Father-Creator of everything - Genesis 1:1
      - b) God is the Father Creator of angels - Job 1:6 and "sons of God"
      - c) God is the Father Creator of the first man - Genesis 1:26-27, Luke 3:38
      - d) God is the Father-Creator of all men - Malachi 2:10, Acts 17:29
        - (1) This doctrine can be abused by those that claim since we are all children of God then we must all be saved. These are two different aspects of the Fatherhood of God.
  - B. Father by Intimate Relationship
    1. No only is God the Creator, He also expresses closeness and kinship towards people.
      - a) Toward Israel - Exodus 4:22
        - (1) This goes beyond simply creating Israel and does not mean that all Israelites were righteous. It does express affection and care on a personal level.
      - b) Toward Solomon (or individually) - II Samuel 7:14
      - c) In his care toward all - Psalm 103:13
  - C. Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ
    1. Mentioned in the Old Testament - Psalm 2:7, Isaiah 7:14 and 9:6-7
    2. Clearly taught in the New Testament - John 3:16, Ephesians 3:14-15
    3. The Father acknowledges this - Matthew 3:17, 17:5
    4. The Son acknowledges this - Matthew 11:27
    5. Men recognized this - Peter in Matthew 16:16, the Centurion in Mark 15:39
    6. Even demons recognize this - Matthew 8:29
  - D. Father of all who believe in Christ
    1. God is the Father (physically) of all men through Creation, but He is the Father (spiritually) through Christ.
    2. Through Salvation we become the sons of God - John 1:12, Galatians 3:26
    3. It is carefully expressed that the lost are *not* sons of God - John 8:44, Matthew 13:38, Ephesians 2:2-3