

**TELEVISION SERMON FOR
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"THE FATHERHOOD OF JESUS CHRIST"
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Thank you, Melvin!

Some of you in our viewing audience are undoubtedly wondering if the participants in our telecasts are compensated in any way to perform in the Choir, Band or special vocal and instrumental groups. My answer is an emphatic No!

Let me reassure you all, that every person you see in our telecasts are bonafide members of the Apostolic Faith Church, who give of their total rehearsal and performance times, as well as their talents, willingly, from the heart, for the glory of God, and for absolutely no monetary gains of any kind.

Contributions from our TV viewers are used, in fact, to help maintain these weekly telecasts, and through your generosity and financial help, I am able to bring forth such sermons as the one I have prepared for today and entitled, "THE FATHERHOOD OF JESUS CHRIST."

One of the reasons I truly feel blessed is that I have the opportunity to share the "Good News" of the glorious Gospel of the Kingdom of God with you, our TV congregation, through these weekly telecasts.

Man's human instincts causes him to embrace sin and shun the Lord's sacrifice and call to everlasting life through His salvation. It is my sincerest desire that you will not fail to heed the Lord's commandment, to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus. I pray that, as a result of the Gospel message you will hear today you will move a step closer to Jesus.

The term fatherhood is the state of being a father. King David offered thanksgiving and prayer in I Chronicles 29:10-11, "Wherefore David blessed the Lord before the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all."

Today is Father's Day, and we pay special respect and honor to all faithful Fathers in Christ Jesus. Father's Day was started in 1910 by Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Washington.

The purpose was to set a day aside to give honor to all fathers and show the expression of gratitude and appreciation for their roles in their family's lives. In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the 3rd Sunday in June as Father's Day.

Today we recognize Fathers everywhere whether you endorse Father's Day or not. However, it is our belief that Father's Day is every day for the Christian believer.

Let us examine the role of a father. First...A father is a man who has begotten a child. Second...A father is one related to another in a way suggesting that of a father to a child. And third, a father is someone who cares for or looks after someone else as a father might.

A Father, or a Dad, is traditionally the bread winner in the family. However, in today's economic conditions, it often takes the hard work of both Mom and Dad to make a living.

Therefore, Exodus 20:12 instructs us saying, "Honour thy father and mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." The term, honor is to respect, and give reverence. It also refers to building a good reputation, or a good name for one's family and oneself.

Originally, the father of a family was the priest, who represented the family, offered sacrifices for them, and acted as its instructor in matters pertaining to God. Before the legal order of the priesthood was established through Moses, the father of each family was recognized, as holding that high office.

Therefore, a Father's duty as the head of the family is to provide for the temporal needs of his family, and to provide for the Spiritual needs of his family.

As Fathers, we must then lead our family and children to the Lord Jesus Christ, and to minister to them concerning the Spiritual things contained in God's Word.

Let us turn now to Psalms 68:5-7 and read God's Word pertaining to the Fatherhood of Jesus Christ, "A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land. O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah."

Malachi the Prophet speaks to us in Malachi 2:10 saying "Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?"

Isaiah, chief of the writing prophets' states in Isaiah 64:8, "But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand. Be not

wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people.”

Paul preached to those in Athens from Mars’ hill in Acts 17:24-30, “God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

Neither is worshipped with men’s hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold or silver, or stone, graven by art and man’s device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent.”

God’s Word speaks to us today to repent which means to have another mind, and to change our mind in respect of sin, of God and of self.

II Corinthians 7:8-11 reads, “For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season.

Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.”

Speaking of repentance, dear television viewers, we have an earnest desire that you will come to the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved today. It is God’s highest priority for mankind to provide for the salvation of one’s soul.

Therefore, let us turn our attention to the Gospel of the Kingdom of God to learn what we must do to receive the salvation of Jesus Christ that is spelled out in God’s Word.

First and foremost, the Gospel of the Kingdom of God is the good news that, "Jesus Saves, Jesus Heals, Jesus baptizes with the Holy Ghost and with Fire, and Jesus is coming soon."

Once again, the salvation of the soul is God's highest priority for every man, woman, and child born into this world. And this is a personal matter between you and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We read in John 3:1, "There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews."

This scripture describes Nicodemus as a wealthy and learned Pharisee, and a ruler of the Jews, who was highly regarded at that time, yet he felt a yearning to speak with Jesus Christ concerning his salvation.

He realized that salvation was more important than his job, his wealth, and his station and standing in life.

Matthew 19:23-24 emphasizes the teaching of Jesus Christ regarding riches, "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, then for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God."

The eye of the needle was a small gate and it required that the camel be off-loaded first, before it was able to proceed through the gate, while on its knees.

Jesus Christ issued this warning to His disciples to identify riches as a hindrance rather than a help to pointing one to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 6:33-34 also concludes, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

John 3:2-4 goes on to say, "The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?"

The Lord Jesus Christ instructed Nicodemus of the necessity of the new birth which grows out of the incapacity of the natural man to see or enter in the kingdom of God.

Today, dear television viewers, the Lord Jesus Christ is standing at the door of your heart calling you to accept Him as your personal Savior, Master, and Lord via this telecast. Accept Him today, and let Him in.

Jesus Christ knew Nicodemus was born once naturally, so He commanded him saying, "Ye must be born again."

Jesus Christ also knows that we too were born once naturally of our earthly mothers, and He is calling every one of us to be born again by immersion in water, in the name of Jesus Christ...Which is the new Spiritual birth.

In John 3:5, Jesus Christ spoke to Nicodemus to accept this Spiritual truth pertaining to water baptism, and baptism of the Spirit, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

Verses 6 to 7 reads, "That which is born of the flesh, is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit, is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

The condition of the new birth is faith in Christ Jesus who was crucified for our sins. Through the new birth we as believers become partakers of the divine nature and the life of Christ Jesus, Himself.

To be born of water is being baptized by immersion in the name of Jesus Christ. And to be born of the Spirit is to speak in an unknown tongue or language, as God's evidence indicating that we have been filled with His Holy Spirit. The Holy Ghost tongue and language can only be given to us by Jesus Christ Himself.

The Lord Jesus Christ highlighted two key truths for our understanding. The first is the term "Except," referring to God's truth and rule for entering into the kingdom of God. And the second is the term "Must," referring to God's commandment stating that we must be born again.

The salvation of our soul is similar to a marriage in which we take on the name of Jesus as our new surname. Let us read the parable of the marriage feast in Matthew 22:8-14, "Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.

Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen."

This man came to the marriage feast undressed and unprepared, without a wedding garment. His disobedience to the Lord Jesus Christ resulted in him being cast into outer darkness to suffer forever more.

The Lord Jesus Christ gives us His commandment in Mark 16:16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Acts 2:36-37, identifies God's salvation process that we must all follow, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

And in Acts 2:38, it reads, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Peter describes step one as repentance, and step two as being baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to receive remission of sins, and the promise of the Holy Ghost.

God's Word ascertains that everyone must repent, and everyone must be baptized by immersion in water in the name of Jesus Christ to receive remission of sins, and God's promised Holy Ghost.

On the Day of Pentecost Peter declared in Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Salvation or the saving of one's soul is accomplished when we are baptized in the name of Jesus Christ only, and not in any other name, or title. Many today have been baptized in the titles of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, instead of in the name of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, we declare unto you today that you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ only, because Father, Son and Holy Ghost are only titles that point to the name of Jesus Christ.

In the Old Testament, God is referred to as Elohim, the Lily of the Valley, Jehovah, the Rose of Sharon, Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Prince of Peace, and many of terms, too numerous to mention at this time.

However, in salvation the only saving name is Jesus Christ and hence, the name of the Father is Jesus, the name of the Son is Jesus, and the name of the Holy Ghost is Jesus. Colossians 3:17 confirms this, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus..."

Jesus Christ goes on to say in John 5:43-44, "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. How can ye believe which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?"

God's Word in Matthew 23:9 declares, "And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is heaven."

The term father speaks to the authority, headship, leadership, intercession and representation of Jesus Christ, being God the Father, Himself. Jesus Christ proclaimed in John 10:30, "I and my Father are one."

Today, as earthly fathers, we pray for our families, and name them one by one before the Lord Jesus Christ. When our children see us praying for them, they will learn to pray also, and will never forget how we as their Fathers prayed earnestly for their salvation, safety, and prosperity.

We honor the Lord Jesus Christ and our earthly Fathers when we display obedience and respect to them by the things that we do. And there may be times when we will be called to take care of our Fathers or Mothers, and we should willingly accept that responsibility.

As Fathers, we set the example for our children to follow and live a Godly life based on how we have set a Godly example. The best way to set the example is by enrolling them in Sunday School and bringing them to church.

Hebrews 10:25 states, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."

The Lord Jesus Christ directed God's congregation on where to gather in Deuteronomy 12:5, "But unto the place which the Lord your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come."

This speaks to Jesus Christ being the primary focus of the doctrine being taught in church. Titus 2:1 says, "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine."

John 6:32-35 provides this salient truth, "Then Jesus said unto them. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

Jeremiah 15:16 speaks to us saying, "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts."

Before we can accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Father and Lord, we must have a repentant heart.

When Adam and Eve sinned, the Lord said unto them, Adam, where art thou? He knew exactly where Adam and Eve were. He wanted them to understand their condition of sin because of their disobedience.

Because of the disobedience of Adam and Eve, God provided His Son Jesus Christ to be sacrificed for the sin of mankind as we read in John 3:16-18, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Yes, dear television viewers, when we take that first step in coming to Jesus Christ as the Father of all, He will be there to meet us halfway, and then take us all the way to heaven with Him. .

I Peter 1:17 enlightens everyone on this Happy Father's Day saying, "And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear."

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Until our next telecast, this is your host, Pastor Billy Han, Jr., expressing my sincerest appreciation to each of you, who have allowed us to come into your homes. May the good Lord bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hands.

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