

Our Everlasting Father Pt 2

Isaiah 9:6

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Isaiah 9:6 *"unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace"*

As "Wonderful" he adds COLOR to the DULLNESS of life.

As "Counselor" he adds CLARITY to the DECISIONS of life.

As "Mighty God" he adds COMFORT for the DEMANDS of life.

As "Everlasting Father" he adds COMMITMENT for the DIMENSIONS of life.

Last week we discussed God's Everlasting nature as revealed through:

➤ His Names. Gen 2:16,17

A. *"The LORD God" (יהה אֱלֹהִים) commanded..."* (The self existing, mighty creator)
Used > 6500 times in scripture.

B. Ex. 3:14 *"Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM {hāyâ: To exist} hath sent me unto you."*

C. Gen. 21:33 *"Abraham ... called on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God."*

➤ His Son. Heb. 1:2,3 Jesus referred to himself as "I AM" >100 times!

Rev 1:8,11; 21:6;22:13) *"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, which is to come, the Almighty."*

When God Becomes our "Everlasting Father"

1. Our Relationship with him becomes everlasting! Jn 3:16

A. It's based His Nature, *Not ours!*

- 1) When a child is conceived he/she is given the "Nature" (genetics) of their parents.
- 2) Our Human Nature is Spiritually corrupt. (Ro. 5:12)
 - a) Spiritually we're *"dead in trespasses and sins"* and are *"by nature the Children of Wrath"* Eph. 2:1,2
 - b) In John 8:44 Jesus himself revealed that: *"Ye are of your father the devil..."*

B. When we received Christ as our Lord & Savior, *We're given His nature.* Jn 1:12

2. God uses two concepts to describe this everlasting relationship.

A. Regeneration: ("Born Again") Jn 1:12,13 *"as many as received him, to them gave he power to become (ginomai: recreated) the sons of God, even to them which believe on his name. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."*

1) Jesus elaborated on this in John 3:1-8

2) Paul elaborated on this in Titus 3:5,6 *"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, (palingenesia: rebirth) and renewing (anakainōsis: renovation) of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior;"*

a) God's Spirit does the "Rebirth" (Jn 3:6,8; 1 Pt 1:23)

(1) Not just "redeemed", but re-gened! This Forever identifies us with God! (Eph. 1:13,14)

(2) This "sealing" produces our "Salvation" (John 3:36; Ro. 8:9; 1 Jn 5:11,12)

b) We partner with him in this renovation process. (1 Cor 3:9-15; 2 Cor 3:18; Ro 12:1,2;)

"Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing (anakainōsis) of your mind..."

(1) This *"be ye transformed"* is an imperative (command) verb

(2) This enables/facilitates our sanctification. (1 Thes 4:3; 1 Pt 1:2)

(3) Peter clarified this partnership in 2 Pt 1:3-11

B. Adopted.

1) Roman adoption was binding and involved two steps:

a) **Mancipatio:** The new Father would “buy” the adopted son from Original Father/Owner.

(We get the word “Emancipated” from this word.) 1Pt 1:18, 19

b) **Vindicatio:** The new “Father” presented the case for adoption to magistrate for sealing.

It literally means “claiming (or reclaiming) that which is legally yours”

(We get “vindication” from this word.) (Ro. 5:1; Ro. 3:24; Titus 3:7)

2) Adoption Involved five responsibilities and/or privileges:

a) The adopted person lost all ties to their old family. (2 Cor. 6:17,18)

b) The Old life and debts were wiped out. (Col. 2:14)

c) The adopted son was legally considered a “son” of the father. (Jn 1:12)

d) The adopted person became an heir of the New Father. (Gal. 4:5; Ro. 8:17)

e) The legal adoption was irrevocable! (John 10:27,28; 2 Tim. 2:13)

In Christ, regeneration and adoption are beautifully merged. Gal. 4:4-6; Ro 8:15-17

➤ **In adoption He selects us!** (Isaiah 43:1; John 15:16; Eph 1:4-6)

➤ **In Regeneration, He seals and perfects (sanctifies) us.** (Titus 3:5-8)

Gal. 4:4-6 *“God sent forth his Son, ... To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. Because Ye are sons, God sends forth the Spirit of His son into Your hearts”*

Ro. 8:15-17 *“For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ;”*

Conclusion: Time changes most things.

People, possessions, perspectives, abilities, opportunities, all change over time.

The one constant in this changing world is the “Everlasting Father”.

“I am the LORD, I change not” Malachi 3:6

Isaiah 9 reminds us that the “Everlasting God” stepped out of eternity and into Time, so that we might have access to God’s Eternal “Fatherhood.”

2 Cor. 8:9 *“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.”*

Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806 –1861) was the oldest of 12 children. She married Robert Browning at the age of 40, but her parents disapproved and disowned her. Elizabeth wrote each week trying to reconcile, but after 10 years she received a box in the mail that contained all the notes she’d had sent, UNOPENED! Although these “love letters” have become an invaluable part of classical literature, it’s really sad to realize that they were never read by her parents. Had they looked at just one, the broken relationship with their daughter might have been healed.

Application:

Have you read God’s “love letters” to you?

Have you responded to them?

