

### Last Week - Who is God?

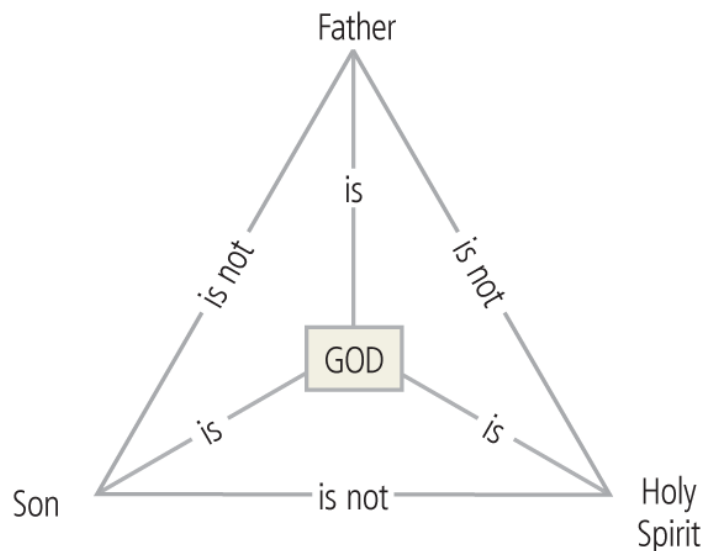
#1 - God is Creator

#2 - God is Trinity

#3 - God is Holy

#4 - God is Love

### God the Father



### How is God the Father, a Father within the Trinity?

The Father has a unique \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ role

*“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,  
To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with His blood:  
May grace and peace be multiplied to you.”  
1 Peter 1:1-2*

The Father plans salvation

The Son procures salvation

The Spirit secures salvation

*“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.”*  
Galatians 4:4-5

### God as our Father

Grasping the concept that God is Father is \_\_\_\_\_

“If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God’s child, and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well at all.”

~ J.J. Packer - *Knowing God* ~

We all have a \_\_\_\_\_ to relating to God as our Father

Our imperfect fathers

### What kind of Father is our Heavenly Father?

#1 - He \_\_\_\_\_ the best for us in love

*“Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”*  
Matthew 7:9-11

*“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. For those He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers.”*  
Romans 8:28-29

#2 - He wants to be \_\_\_\_\_ to us

*“But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, ‘Abba, Father.’ So, you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.”*  
Galatians 4:4-7

#3 - He deserves our \_\_\_\_\_

*“As He said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, ‘Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!’ But He said, ‘Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!’”*  
Luke 11:27-28

#4 - He \_\_\_\_\_ us

*“And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? ‘My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves and chastises every son whom he receives.’” Hebrews 12:5-6*

How does the Father discipline His children?

Through hard \_\_\_\_\_

Through internal \_\_\_\_\_

#5 - He gives us an \_\_\_\_\_

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you.” 1 Peter 1:3-4*

Never \_\_\_\_\_

Never \_\_\_\_\_

Never \_\_\_\_\_

### What kind of Father is our Heavenly Father?

#1 - He seeks our best in love

#2 - He wants to be close to us

#3 - He deserves our obedience

#4 - He disciplines us

#5 - He gives us an inheritance

### What is our appropriate response to the Father’s love?

To \_\_\_\_\_ God in return!

*“We love because He first loved us.”*

*1 John 4:19*

To love God with everything we are and have

*“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” He said to him, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important command.’”*  
*Matthew 22:36-38*

“From the viewpoint of Biblical anthropology, ‘heart,’ ‘soul,’ and ‘mind’ are not mutually exclusive but overlapping categories, together demanding our love for God to come from our whole person, our every faculty and capacity.”

~ D.A. Carson ~

“There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, Mine!

~ Abraham Kuyper ~

## Who is God the Father? Reflection Questions

- #1 - How have you responded to God the Father's desire to be your Father?
- #2 - What is most awe inspiring about God's love for you?
- #3 - How have you experienced the blessing of obedience to God's Word?
- #4 - What has God's parental discipline looked like in your life?
- #5 - How does the heavenly inheritance of God change the way you live each day?

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