



CHRISTMAS

H O P E

THE EVERLASTING

F A T H E R

ISAIAH 9:6-7

THE EVERLASTING FATHER

Isaiah 9:6 For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

- Everlasting Father is an expression describing the Messiah's timelessness
- Our relationship with our Everlasting Father is absolutely dependent on us making a clear choice to enter into a personal relationship with His Son.

ALIVE IN CHRIST

Ephesians 2:1-6 *It wasn't so long ago that you were mired in that old stagnant life of sin. You let the world, which doesn't know the first thing about living, tell you how to live. You filled your lungs with polluted unbelief, and then exhaled disobedience. We all did it, all of us doing what we felt like doing, when we felt like doing it, all of us in the same boat. It's a wonder God didn't lose his temper and do away with the whole lot of us.*

Instead, immense in mercy and with an incredible love, he embraced us. He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ. He did all this on his own, with no help from us! Then he picked us up and set us down in highest heaven in company with Jesus, our Messiah (THE MESSAGE).

WE KNOW GOD AS FATHER THROUGH JESUS CHRIST HIS SON

Matthew 11:25-27 *At that time Jesus prayed this prayer: O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way! My Father has entrusted everything to me. No one truly knows the Son except the Father, and no one truly knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.*

Matthew 10:32-33 *Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.*

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF OUR EVERLASTING FATHER?

Our Father SHAPES US

Jeremiah 18:16 ...*So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so, the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does? declares the LORD. Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand...*

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Our Father LISTENS TO US

Hebrews 5:7 *During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.*

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF OUR EVERLASTING FATHER?

Our Father REDEEMS US

Isaiah 43:12 *O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.*

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Our Father ENCOURAGES US

John 12:23-29 ...All those who want to be my disciples must come and follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And if they follow me, the Father will honor them. Now my soul is deeply troubled. Should I pray, Father, save me from what lies ahead? But that is the very reason why I came! Father, bring glory to your name. Then a voice spoke from heaven, saying, I have already brought it glory, and I will do it again.

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Our Father LOVES US

1 John 3:1 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

ABBA FATHER

We Are Sons And Daughters Of God

Galatians 4:6-7 *And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, **Abba, Father!***

*Therefore you are no longer a slave but **a son**, and if **a son**, then an heir of God through Christ.*

ABBA FATHER

Your Will – Not Mine

Mark 14:32-36 *And they came to an olive grove called Gethsemane, and Jesus said, Sit here while I go and pray. He took Peter, James, and John with him, and he began to be filled with horror and deep distress. He told them, **My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death.***

*Stay here and watch with me. He went on a little farther and fell face down on the ground. He prayed that, if it were possible, the awful hour awaiting him might pass him by. **Abba, Father, he said, everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will, not mine.***

ABBA FATHER

Romans 8:15-17...have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you (we) received God's Spirit when he adopted you (us) as his own children. Now we call him, Abba, Father.

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