

"Father" is the Christian name for God

1. What do we mean by the term "Father"?

God is the Creator of all creatures

- God is the "Father of all creation"
 - Malachi 2:10
 - Acts 17:28
- Even though He has created all things, it does not speak of relationship or fatherhood
 - John 8:40-42

Fatherhood begins with RELATIONSHIP

- John 1:12-13

Jesus said, "You must be born again."

- It is the "2nd birth", and it comes through receiving Jesus and what He did on the cross
- Galatians 3:26

Acceptance into God's family comes by FAITH

- Romans 8:15
- Ephesians 1:5
- Romans 8:16

Inside of me, the Spirit of God tells me I am God's child

- Ephesians 1:13

God set you apart

- John 6:39
- Romans 8:17

2. What do we mean by the term "Almighty"?

It points to the basic Bible fact that God is the Lord, the King, and the omnipotent One who reigns over his world. God is the "Father of all creation"

- Genesis 17:1

"God Almighty" / "Almighty God"

- OT term for God
- Comes from Hebrew "El Shaddai" = God, the all-powerful One

God was to be known as the almighty God who reigned over all

- Deuteronomy 10:17
- Jeremiah 32:17

- Matthew 19:26
- Luke 1:37

This is GOOD NEWS for us today!

- My Father is almighty
- There is nothing impossible for my Father to do
- All things are possible through faith in my Father

Even though God is Almighty, He can NOT act outside of His character!

*"I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth."*

3. If I TRULY believe this statement, how does it affect my life?

My belief is seen by my life... it changes the way I think, act and react

Because God is my Father:

- a) I will live like Jesus did to please Him and do His will
 - John 6:38... John 5:19... John 4:34
- b) I won't be afraid

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.