

# The Family of God

The Bible gives us the history of God as Creator Father, as well as Procreator Father. The Old Testament is the record of God as Creator. The New Testament is the record of God as Father.

The Bible is the book of three religions today and each religion interprets the Bible differently. Judaism only accepts the Old Testament as revelation from God. Therefore, they do not accept the New Testament account of Jesus as the begotten Son of God, or The Christ of God.

Jews have no problem believing that Jesus was the son of David. They just do not believe that He is the Son of God; nor do they believe that Jesus was their Messiah. They believed that the Messiah would be a son of David but not a son of God. The Christ would reign forever and He would not be killed by the Romans.

People did not have last names in those days to identify themselves with a certain family descent or lineage as we do today.

They were identified by where they lived, what they did for a living, and whose son they were - Saul of Tarsus, Simon the Tanner, Paul the Apostle, Jesus of Nazareth, the carpenter, a Galilean, the Nazarene, etc.

Since Jesus had a God for His Father and a female man for His Mother, He was identified as The Son of God and the Son of man. 'Son' also means seed; therefore, Jesus is The Seed of God (word), The seed of man (womb), the seed of David, and the seed of Abraham - both, by (descent) lineage. These terms mean that David and Abraham were Jesus' ancestors on His mother's side.

Jesus the Carpenter from Nazareth becomes the (Rabbi) Teacher from Galilee for three years in the land of Judea, claiming to be The Christ of God - a vocation which began when He rose from the dead to die no more. Jesus will now be called Christ, the name of His new vocation.

When He was the only begotten from The Seed of the Woman, He was named Jesus because He would be a Savior in His death. Now He is the first-begotten from the dead, bringing many sons into The Family of God, where He is The Christ in The Kingdom of God.

Every Messiah claimed to be the son of David. Only Jesus claimed to be The Son of God. (Note: He never claimed to be God)

The New Testament speaks of God as the God and the Father of Jesus, as well as The God and Father of Christians. Is this to be taken literally, or not? Are Christians really the offspring of God by birth into His family? Or, is God the Father of The Christian family like George Washington is the Father of our country?

The answer would depend upon who you ask. Jews and Moslems would reject any New Testament revelation of God as the genetic father of Jesus, or the Spirit Father of Christians. Many Christians also reject the literal view and prefer the Father title as author and originator of Christianity, instead of progenitor.

Our Christian Bible today consists of two covenants by God with man, the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Bible results in many different faiths, beliefs, religions, denominations, etc.

I believe the New Testament claim for the Children of God and the Family of God to literally be the offspring of God by birth, not by sponsorship.

This birth being referred to (Fruit of the Womb) is the result of a conception from the sperm (word) of God in the soul of man. This would make the child of God to literally be a son of God spiritually in the (inner-man) heart while remaining a son of man carnally in the (outer-man) flesh.

## The Sons of God

We find angelic creatures to be called the Sons of God. They are not offspring by procreation, but rather creatures that have sprung off from God by creation. All spiritual creatures have a Father in God by creation (even Adam, a soul creature) but only Jesus had a Father in God by procreation.

This makes Jesus to be the only begotten Son of God. It also makes the Creator God to be Jesus' Heavenly, Spiritual Father. The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man are not the same. The Fatherhood of God would not be a family like that of the Brotherhood of man.

God fathered by creating individual creatures with a nature like His. Such fatherhood provides no gender for procreation, while Brotherhood is the result of procreation.

The Sons of God (angels) from the Fatherhood of the Creator had no mother at all; they only had a father.

Father and son in such a case does not denote gender and sex as it does after God created flesh life and brought in procreation (giving creatures the ability to reproduce themselves).

Soul creatures can become fathers, but angelic creatures (sons of God) can never be fathers. However, some believe that fallen spirits did produce a family of giants by procreation from the daughters of men.

Now that procreated life exists from sexual procreation we think of father as male gender. The Christian Family of God is not to be understood as male children, nor are we to perceive our Father God as we do our flesh father.

However, it is difficult to think of a father without male gender, or to perceive a son without being a male child. The New Testament records plainly teach The Family of God as The Children of God without sex, circumcision, gender, etc. In other words, it is a Spiritual Family, not a carnal family.

We mortals are carnal creatures with carnal life, but God is a Spirit with Spirit Life, and yet He walks, talks, sees and hears. It is very difficult for us to perceive spiritual things because of our carnal mind.

A carnal creature must be carnally minded to live a carnal life, just as a spirit creature must be spiritually minded to live a spirit life.

We tend to think of carnality as sin, which it would be if it resulted in materialism or gluttony of wine, food, sex, etc. But Paul rebukes Christians for carnality because it prevents them from understanding spiritual things, which hinders Christian maturity. To Paul, this is sin and so is all Christian failure in sanctification.

To understand spiritual things as taught in the Bible we must think spiritually and allow words to mean what they did at that point in time, not the way we carnally perceive them now.

Words may be carnal or spiritual; they may have carnal meaning or spiritual meaning. Carnal meaning comes first for carnal creatures; then they must give spiritual meaning to every carnal word if they are to discuss, and learn, spiritual things.

Paul makes Christians the children of God in a spiritual family kingdom where all carnal things have become spiritual things. Carnal manna, water, wine, warfare, weapons, wrestling, circumcision, baptism, brother-hood, and so forth, have been replaced by their spiritual counterpart.

Christians have a spirit birth into a spiritual family with spiritual brothers and sisters. They are running a spiritual race, requiring spiritual health. They possess

spiritual riches in spiritual places.

Christians are spiritual stones building a spiritual church for the habitat of their spiritual father.

## A Son for God

We must pause here to remind the reader that perception is vital to all communications. We are dealing with 4,000 year- old literature consisting of ancient words and phrases. We must get our perception from the words used with their meaning at the time they were originally used - not with their current meanings (to us today). We must also study the Bible historically as it happened. Otherwise, we will give the words a future meaning, not known at the time they were used.

This is very important in a Bible study of Family because you cannot have a Family without a father. Yet, you can have a father without a Family (such as God, The Father of creation, or Washington, the father of our country). There is a difference in a founding father and a progenitor father.

Likewise, there is a difference in a son by creation and a son from conception and procreation. In creation, there is no descent. In procreation, there is descent resulting in lineage and families.

The Bible record makes Jesus a Son from procreation, not a Son by creation like Adam.

The Church fathers of the fourth century introduced creeds to define the Christian faith. The Trinity creed was given to explain the relationship between God and Jesus. This doctrine teaches that Jesus was God incarnated into flesh life. Therefore, no offspring relationship exists because Jesus is The Creator God Himself.

The word 'son' in this case, does not mean descent and offspring; but a name and title of the Godhead. There is no father-son relationship in the Trinity Doctrine because The Son is The Father. Therefore, Jesus is The Son of God, without being created or procreated.

## A Son before His Birth

Many Christians now read the Bible with The Trinity perception, making Jesus The Son of God before He was born of God; and Making God a father before He created angels, or Adam, and a father before He begot Jesus, the only begotten of The Father.

How can God be a genetic father without having sired a son? How can Jesus be a first- born son without making somebody a first- time father?

The virgin birth is another (teaching) doctrine introduced after the Bible was written to help explain the doctrine of the trinity.

Neither terms are found in the Bible; they are coined from Bible texts to teach that Jesus is God - not the offspring of God.

The Bible record speaks of a virgin conceiving and giving birth. When this began to be called a virgin birth it completely removed the conception from Mary's womb, making birth to be incarnation.

When the English term "virgin birth" is put into the Biblical Greek text it becomes parthenogenesis, which means 'Life Generated' from a single source. This is life without conception - life without two seeds merging to cause a birth. This concept permits a body to be prepared in Mary's womb for God to inhabit at birth. Where, then, is the conception that started body life for nine months in the womb?

Parthenogenesis (virgin birth) can occur without conception or virginity. Since Mary conceived nine months before she gave birth, she was no longer a virgin at the time of birth. In other words, a father sperm merged with a mother egg to cause the Bethlehem birth.

This is not parthenogenesis, where life springs from one cell or egg.

Virginity in the Bible is a life and death issue for young women and remains so in many cultures today. Virgin means that a young maiden has not known a man (Mary's confession), or had sexual intercourse, which is essential to conception.

Under Moses' Law, which preceded Jewish tradition, fathers of daughters had to guarantee virginity to the husband, but the father could not guarantee that the womb would bear fruit. Also, under Moses a man could have as many wombs as he could provide for. Every man wanted a son for an heir, not a daughter, which he must give to another man for a wife.

Israelite soldiers could save virgins for a wife. This meant death to a maiden without proof of virginity. Virginity guaranteed the man that the womb was empty. Therefore any fruit would be from his own seed.

Virginity means that the vagina is virgin; never having sexual intercourse. The proof of virginity is the hymen, which seals the entry to the womb.

This clears up the mystery of the virgin birth of Jesus whose Father entered the womb without carnal evidence, preserving His mother's virginity which He destroyed when He exited the womb.

Without conception, we cannot have a son for God, nor can the birth make a father. I believe we should take the Bible record as written, whereby Mary conceives by the Holy Ghost, giving birth to the only Son of God begotten from the womb of a man.

Yes, Mary is a female man, not an angel, or an animal. Therefore, that thing in her womb is conceived by the Holy Ghost and will be called The Son of God. The Seed of the woman is the seed of man. Therefore, that thing in her womb will be called the son of man.

This makes God a proud father at Bethlehem. He can now pass out cigars like any first-time father. Bethlehem does not mean a virgin birth, rather a virgin giving birth from a conception by God nine months before birth occurred.

## A family for God and Abram

One son does not a family make; but soon, there will be many sons calling God Father. Then we have a family consisting of the children of God - the Christian family.

Bethlehem was Emanuel, or God in the flesh, keeping his promise to the children of Israel to visit them in the last days. This only required one son in the flesh to visit flesh souls; but Jesus will be born again from the dead, giving the spirit of God to many spirit souls beginning a new day and time for all mankind.

The children of Israel, by regeneration, (new birth) become the children of God. The children of Israel were carnal souls by lineage, and kindred just as all of mankind; but the children of God are spiritual souls, born of God, Recreated, New creatures.

The Family of God referred to in the New Testament is the Children of God by spiritual birth from every tongue and tribe of mankind, beginning with the Jews.

This spiritual (Christian) family of many sons is the result of the planting of one son, or one seed bearing much fruit of its own kind.

Jesus claimed to be this seed (John 12:24) which must die to bear fruit. No seed can survive germination. You can keep a seed and have one, or plant it and have many. You cannot do both. As I was always told you cannot have your cake and eat it also.

A family for God has its origin in a family for Abram. Both Abram and God have blessings which they desire to give to children from their loins instead of servants in their household. Both need a son from their loins to give them a family to inherit these blessings.

There are many seed in Abram to make Him a father from any womb. There is only one seed, however, in Abram whereby God can be a father. This is the Christ seed which must pass by descent through Isaac, Jacob, Judah, Jesse, David to Mary where God will become a father from His seed in a chosen womb.

Descent creates more and more ancestor fathers; but conception gives Jesus a Father without descent. There are many sons of Abraham in the flesh; but only one is also God's son, the end of the line; a hybrid preventing further descent.

God made Abram a family man; a father of many families; many seeds in many wombs; a father of many nations. God also made Father Abraham the heir of His promise (Romans. 4:13) through one seed in one womb (Mary's) that will be planted in many wombs (hearts) to have a family to inherit God's blessings.

Paul says that Abraham is the heir of the world; not his world, but the Messianic World of Christ, who is God's son. Abraham and God have a son in the same seed that, when planted, will be a family *of faith* for both: one Family - one Father - one God of all...whether in Abraham or Adam.

Paul said that The Christ was The One Seed of Abram before His many seeds made Him Father of many nations. This one seed was Jesus, born of Mary at Bethlehem.

Jesus came into the world to be a savior and the first- begotten in the Family of God. To be a savior He must die. To be in the Family of God, he must be born again.

## **A father for a family**

The Trinity Doctrine of Incarnation means a transition for God into flesh life, but natural conception does not change a father in any way. He simply provides The Seed for conception and need not be present when birth occurs.

God is the Father of Adam by creation and Jesus by procreation. Neither transaction is a transition for God; rather, it is the indwelling of His Spirit whereby He (God) sees Himself in both sons. God saw Himself in Adam by a Spiritual Image. Adam saw himself in Eve from a carnal image. Conception allows a father to see himself in a son.

God was very lonely until He created Adam. Now He can look at Adam and see Himself.

Adam was lonely until God created Eve. Now Adam can look at Eve and see Himself.

Obviously God is looking at the spirit of man when He sees Himself and Adam is looking at the 'outer man' flesh when he sees Eve and says, "It's me." One is a spiritual image and likeness while the other is a physical image and likeness.

Adam was God's helpmeet. Now Eve is Adam's helpmeet. In both cases the help is to meet the need produced by being alone. Alone means unique, one of a kind, no peers, nothing like it, no communion, no fellowship, no conversation, etc.

The Bible teaches us that Adam and Eve are pictures of marriage, procreation and family; the Church coming out of Christ as Eve came out of Adam.

God puts Adam to sleep while He takes out a bride for him. Jesus is the second Adam who is also alone - no peers. He must be planted into mankind (Adam); i.e. a seed sown into man to die and bring forth much fruit.

The many sons are the harvest from the only (seed) son making God a father to many children. This is the Family of God where Jesus is the firstborn (from the dead) son among many siblings.

This Family of God is also The Church of The Firstborn where every son's birth opened a virgin womb. The womb is the heart which is the field where the seed (word) is planted. All firstborn have a birthright blessing and in this family the right of birth is (eternal) spiritual life like the Father.

God could have created more humans just as He created more naked spirits (angels) but He gave the physical creation the ability to reproduce itself. - germination for nature, and conception for flesh life. Both reproductions operate under the law of seed and fruit.

This gives The Creator a Sabbath - no more creating; He ceased from all such works (labor) until a new day of recreating and regenerating.

The Bible order is:

Creation > then Procreation > then Recreation;

or

Generation > then Degeneration > then Regeneration.

Creating is generating life. Procreation is generating temporal life. Recreating is regenerating into eternal life. If it wasn't for degeneration then regeneration would not be necessary. Without regeneration, all souls would be left in the grave where corruption (not sin) put them .

The Family of Man resulted from procreating, degenerating flesh while the Family of God resulted

from spiritual procreation and regeneration. The corrupt seed of man generated temporal life while the incorrupt seed of God regenerated to a life without end.

This is why it is necessary to be born again of the spirit to be in the Family of God. Natural birth puts us into the Family of Man where there are many fathers. Spirit birth puts us into the Family of God where there is one Father.

The many fathers in natural birth can only give their children the human nature which they possess, while the many mothers are (preparing) giving them human bodies.

The one spiritual Father gives His Divine Nature to His offspring, just as the many human fathers give their (man) human nature to their offspring.

Mothers of flesh bodies cannot give human nature or divine nature (man nature or God nature). They only provide a flesh body for flesh life.

Wombs provide fruit for the kind (nature) of seed conceived just as soil provides fruit for the kind of seed germinated.

The only way out of the human family is death; and the only way into God's family is birth. That is, rebirth - because the first birth was into flesh life; now a new birth is needed for spirit life in the Family of God.

Eve was taken out of the first Adam to be a bride for a carnal family. The church is taken out of the last Adam to be a bride for a spiritual family. Adam's flesh (the outer man) came from the creation. Adam's spirit (the inner man) came from God the creator.

The result was *A Living Soul* - a compound of dust and deity. Eve's body came from Adam's body. Eve's spirit came from God, her creator. Now all human flesh will come from Eve's body, the Mother of Life. Adam was created so God could have a family. Eve was created so Adam could have a family.

Adam solved God's loneliness. Eve solved Adam's loneliness, and The Church solved Jesus' loneliness.

## The Origin of Family Life

Adam was to God what Eve was to Adam. Without Adam, God is all alone without a peer to know and love. Like Adam, He can look at creation and creatures; but He cannot see a spirit like himself and there is no hope for fellowship and family. Without Eve, Adam is all alone with no peer to know and love. He is without hope for fellowship and family.

God has now created two sons, male and female. He can see His image in two mirrors as long as they look at Him; but they soon looked away. Man, on

earth, is a mirror that must be focused toward Heaven like a dish receiver to its satellite.

A father sees the image of Himself in a son and is pleased to see the son act in likeness to the father. This glorifies the father in the son.

The pleasure and purpose of the father depends upon the obedience of the son to do the father's will. This requires communion and access to one another. The son must grow and increase in knowledge of the father if He is to be like the father.

Nature controls the physical maturity of the son while the father directs the mental and spiritual growth through the willing discipline of the son.

A son will, by nature, bear the carnal image of His father but in behavior may fail to (produce) reflect any likeness. Self-seeking and self-serving may result in failure to seek and serve the father.

God is a spirit and the Father of Spirits. Adam is flesh and the father of flesh.

Together they can father a family of souls. Adam needs a wife to mother his son. God needs a wife to mother His son. Eve was the mother for Adam's son; Mary was the mother for God's son. Eve got her womb from Adam; Mary got her womb from Eve.

Jesus is the Son of Eve, fathered by God. He is the image of Adam in the flesh. He is the mirror image of God in the spirit. Jesus never looked away. He stayed tuned toward God, focused on His Father.

Mary gave Jesus a man body. His father gave him a God nature. Our mothers give us a flesh and blood body; but our nature comes from our human father. However, if we are born from above we have the nature of a heavenly father (a God nature).

The children in both families have the nature of their fathers - human nature in the family of man, and divine nature in the family of God.

The seed of Adam must conceive with the seed of Eve to generate man life and produce human families. Adam and Eve must face God for life and light in their soul, much like a T.V. disk must face the satellite in the sky which provides the image for display.

Their bodies are flesh and blood, which must stay in communion with Mother Nature through the belly and the blood. There are two trees in the garden; one relates to their spirit, the other to their bodies.

A sin storm struck Eden, knocking out both power and light, leaving darkness in their souls. They were driven from the Tree of Life which made their bodies immune to death.

Degeneration begins in their flesh and brings them to the grave where rigor mortis returns them to dust. All mankind inherit the same condemnation of mortality.

The hope for all the dead is regeneration and only the creator can recreate; death must be defeated before life can return; mortality must be swallowed up by immortality.

### Some conclusions

The human family ends in death; but there is no death in the family of God.

The Bible pictures the Christian Family of God in Adam and Eve. It also pictures The Christ in Abraham and His Kingdom in Moses. The New Testament is pictured by the Old Testament where God is the husband of a carnal family, giving Him carnal sons and daughters, one of whom was Mary, the daughter of David.

Jesus' Father, being the husband of covenant and His Mother being the wife of covenant, made Jesus legitimate...otherwise, He would have been a bastard. This made Jesus a Son of Covenant *by birth* and, at eight days of age, a Son of Promise *by circumcision*. While a bastard may be circumcised, it is *birth* that determines inheritance. That's why a bastard can have a father and a birth (without a birthright) and still be without covenant and without family.

Birthright trumps circumcision. In other words, birth gives circumcision significance. Circumcision can only confirm what birth has already determined.

In Abram we see there was seed for two families, two covenants, and two kingdoms...with birthright blessings for each.

In Adam, however, there was seed for one family with a birthright curse of death for all.

Ishmael was blessed in Abraham by birth - not circumcision. Isaac was a covenant son by birth. Jacob and Esau were covenant twins of Isaac, with Jacob receiving the covenant that was given to his twelve sons, who in turn passed on to their offspring (the children of Israel).

Circumcision at birth assures that there will be no more children from uncircumcised fathers. Ishmael will remain the only son of Abram born in uncircumcision. He is an heir to the Messianic Covenant through The Christ seed but not an heir to the carnal covenant through Isaac, and the flesh children of Abraham (Rom. 9:8).

Removing the foreskin from the male genitals is comparable in many ways to virginity in the female. Both are given important meaning by God in the carnal Old Testament family of Abraham to picture things in the spiritual New Testament family of God.

There are many pictures of the New Testament to be found in the Old Testament, such as Kingdom, sheep, vineyard, etc. But, Paul gives us pictures before the first covenant was cut by Moses. Paul goes back to Abraham in uncircumcision to find The Promise of the New Testament.

Paul finds pictures of the Family of God in Adam and Eve, The Family of Man. The Spiritual Body of Christ is like the carnal body of man having many parts.

The church family is Eve, the bride of Christ, also consisting of many parts, and all necessary for Eve to please the Adam for whom she was created; even as the Christian to please Christ for whom they were recreated. Each part supports the head and works together for the health of the whole body; the failure of one part can cripple the whole body.

God has commanded his light to shine in every part of this body to provide power for life and light for living.

The body of Christ, like the body of Eve, gives God a family to (mirror) reflect His likeness when it is focused toward God.

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