

Father

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Our home is Father; Father's home is us.

He that has seen Me has seen Father. Jesus speaking as the first One of our kind. – **And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that Father may be glorified in the Son.**

Overwhelming abundance revealed, Father; that's what it's all about.

The next question is – how? Jesus gives a clear and complete answer.

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to Father except through Me. – Believe Me that I am in Father and Father in Me – At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ; sink into Him as into a garment, or shall we say, as into the covers of your bed.

The Person of the Lord Jesus Christ is not some THING from Jesus, it is Jesus Himself. Grace is not some THING from God; it is Father Himself in Person. I say this over and over, because everywhere I look people talk about God as THING, getting some THING from this THING.

I just read someone speaking of “all fullness,” not as the Person of God now, but as some “thing” we get from God at some point in the future after we have accomplished some sort of vague and murky “dying.” Speak Father! Speak “Father fills me full NOW!” Disregard absolutely what you see and how you judge. Speak Father!

We are inside the consciousness, inside the Spirit, inside the Mind, inside the Emotions, inside the Will, inside the Body of Another Person – Father. And we are inside of Father BECAUSE we live only inside of Jesus. That is, we continually see ourselves inside of Jesus regardless of any outward appearance, and we refuse to see ourselves anywhere else. More than that, we continually commune with this Person inside of whom we live BY continually thinking of what it means to be only inside of Him.

We are inside of Father because we are inside of Jesus and Jesus is inside of Father. Father is inside of us because Father is inside of Jesus who lives in our hearts. Jesus said, “If you don't believe that, then at least believe the miracles the Father does through me.” There is no other home for us or for creation, both heaven and earth, than Father through us.

But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here. Jesus is speaking of the Mercy Seat of God revealed now through us. **Arise, let us go from here** is code for the Feast of Tabernacles.

In John 16, then, Jesus says this: **If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.**

Let's work our way backwards. We are Jesus' disciples because we bear MUCH fruit. The reason that is so is that the whole point of everything is the glory of Father, and Father is glorified by the continual overwhelming abundance of fruit. Next, we bear fruit first by living entirely inside of John 14:20 and second by asking all that we desire. We don't say here, "according to the will of God," for we live only inside of the will of God. Those words were spoken in the context of people who were using God as the far-distant supplier of a gravy train.

Father is overwhelming outward abundance, but only He Himself. Abundance is not some golden-egg-laying-goose we get from God. Father is known through broken hearts healed by Himself and filled with Himself; once known, then, Father does what Father is.

And we know what Father is by reading the parable of the exuberant father and by seeing out through the eyes of a wildly exuberant Jesus.

All things that Father has are Mine. – Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

Father.

The next thing Jesus said was, **"Now I will tell you plainly about the Father."** Then He stopped speaking to the disciples and walked the Path of the Atonement. My hope, as I write, is to discover what the deepest expression of Father revealed now through us in all glory really is.

John 17 is Jesus' prayer to Father. Oh my. Oh my! How these words grow and grow and grow; every line is larger than the universe and never stops growing, not ever.

There is a rule in the grammars of most languages called pronoun-antecedent. A pronoun such as "you" serves only to take the place of its antecedent, a noun, because repeating the noun over and over becomes cumbersome; pronouns are shorter and simpler.

The first word Jesus speaks in John 17 is Father. In light of your knowledge of Father right now, read the entire prayer – EXCEPT, don't read "You" or "Your." Every time You and Your appear, they are simply a handy way to replace "Father." Let's not replace Father. Every time you see You and Your, simply say Father or Father's. Let me do that with just a few of the verses; you do it with all. I will also bring these words into present tense, that is, speaking to us now. Sorry, I cannot refrain from doing the entire prayer (that is most of it). Now, I'm going back through and eliminating another pronoun and replacing it with a blank. As you read, put your own full name in the blank. Remember as you read, this is Jesus speaking to Father about you.

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Father, the hour is come. Glorify Father's Son, that Father's Son also glorifies Father; as Father gives Him authority over \_\_\_\_'s flesh, the Son gives eternal life to \_\_\_\_ whom Father gives Him. And this is eternal life, that \_\_\_\_ may know Father, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Father sends. I glorify Father on the earth. I finish the work Father gives me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Father, with the glory I have with Father before the world is.

I manifest Father's name to \_\_\_\_ whom Father gives Me out of the world. \_\_\_\_ is Father's, Father gives \_\_\_\_ to Me, and \_\_\_\_ keeps Father's word. Now \_\_\_\_ knows that all things which Father gives Me are from Father. For I give to \_\_\_\_ the words which Father gives Me; and \_\_\_\_ receives them (as a woman receives seed from her husband), and knows surely that I come forth from Father; and \_\_\_\_ believes that Father sends Me.

I pray for \_\_\_\_\_. I do not pray for the world but for \_\_\_\_ whom Father gives Me, for \_\_\_\_ is Father's. And all Mine are Father's, and Father's are Mine, and I am glorified in \_\_\_\_\_. Now I am no longer in the world, but \_\_\_\_ is in the world, and I come to Father. Holy Father, keep through Father's name \_\_\_\_ whom Father gives Me, that \_\_\_\_ may be one as Father and I are one.

While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Father's name. \_\_\_\_\_, whom Father gives Me, I keep in Father's name. . . But now I come to Father, and these things I speak in the world by which My joy is fulfilled in \_\_\_\_\_. I give \_\_\_\_\_ Father's word; and the world has hated \_\_\_\_\_. . . I do not pray that Father take \_\_\_\_\_ out of the world, but that Father keep \_\_\_\_\_ from the evil one. . . Sanctify \_\_\_\_\_ by Father's truth. Father's word is truth. As Father sent Me into the world, I also send \_\_\_\_\_ into the world. And for \_\_\_\_\_'s sake I sanctify Myself, by which \_\_\_\_\_ also is sanctified by Father's truth.

I . . . pray . . . for \_\_\_\_\_ who believes in Me. . . that \_\_\_\_\_ (and all who are Mine) are one, as Father, Father, is in Me and I in Father; that \_\_\_\_\_ (and all Mine) also are one in Father and Me, that the world may believe that Father sent Me. And the glory which Father gives Me I give \_\_\_\_\_, that \_\_\_\_\_ may be one just as Father and I are one: I in \_\_\_\_\_ and Father in Me; that \_\_\_\_\_ (and all Mine) are perfect in one, and that the world know that Father sends Me, and loves \_\_\_\_\_ as Father loves Me.

Father, I desire that \_\_\_\_\_ also whom Father gives me be with Me where I am (in Father), that \_\_\_\_\_ beholds My glory which Father gives Me; for Father loves Me before the foundation of the ages. O righteous Father! The world has not known Father, but I know Father; and \_\_\_\_\_ knows that Father sends Me. And I declare to \_\_\_\_\_ Father's name, and declare Father's name, that the love with which Father loves Me is in \_\_\_\_\_, and I in \_\_\_\_\_.

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Father, Father! Know Him; know Him! God is all about experience, all about knowing.

Listen, read this over and over with your own full name in the blanks. This is what Jesus really prayed, praying directly into each one of us by name – **And I call them by name, and they follow Me.** Let the reality of Jesus speaking Father into you, personally and real, sink so fully into you that you cannot know anything else.