

## **ABBA, FATHER**

Our lesson text contains the title of this year's Father Day's Special:

(Gal.4:6) "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, '**Abba, Father** (ho pater)!"

Abba is an Aramaic term of endearment. It was among the first words spoken by children (daddy or papa).

To use this term with God, would have been unthinkable to the legalistic Jew. The pious Jew would have called Abraham by this term, but never God.

(Luke 15:24) "And he cried out and said, '**Father** (pater) **Abraham**, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue; for I am in agony in this flame."

So how did Abba, Father become a term of endearment by Christians for God? (Gal.4:4-7; Rom.8:14-17)

**Today's lesson will answer this question by the following five points  
in this year's Father's Day Special entitled, "Abba, Father."**

### **1. We will begin by dividing our lesson text onto two sections of study.**

The Sender	(apostello / a.a.ind)	(Gal.4:4-5)	God
The Sent	(apostello / a.a.ind)	(Gal.4:6-7)	God's Son and Spirit

Note that the term **Abba Father** is recorded in the God's Son Spirit section. However, it is based in the God's section:

(Gal.4:5) "In order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive **the adoption** as sons."

### **2. Every Church Age Believer (CAB) enters this Abba Father relationship by redemptive adoption through faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9; Gal.3:26).**

(1 John 4:14) "And we have beheld and bear witness that the **Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the World.**"

(John 1:12) "But as many as receive Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name."

### **3. Adoption is one of eight works of the Holy Spirit that every CAB receives by the grace of God at the moment of salvation.**

(Gal.4:5-6) "In order that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'"

(Eph.1:5) "He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to His will."

**The eight works of the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation are:**

<b>Adoption</b>	(Gal.4:5)
Baptism	(1 Cor12:13)
Indwelling	(1 Cor.6:19-20)
Regeneration	(Titus 3:5-7)
Sanctification	(2 Thess.2:13-14)
Seals	(Eph.1:13-14)
Spiritual gift	(1 Cor.12:11)
Spiritual life	( Rom.8:9-11)

**4. Mark recorded that Jesus used Abba Father as the term of endearment in His prayer in Gethsemane.**

(Mark 14:36) “And He was saying, ‘**Abba Father!** All things are possible for Thee; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what Thou wilt.’”

This reflected messianic Scripture regarding Jesus’ intimate relationship with God, as His Father

(Ps.2:7) “I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You.’” (2 Sam.7:14; Acts 13:33-34; Rom.1:4; Heb.1:5; 5:5).

(John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave **His only begotten Son**, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:18; 1:14, 18; 1 John 4:9)

**5. Paul is instructing every CAB that God desires an Abba Father intimate relationship with Him.**

(Rom.8:15-17) “For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, ‘**Abba! Father!**’” The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are the children (teknon) of God, and if children (teknon), heirs also, heir of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.”

(Eph.2:18) “For through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.”

(Gal.4:6) “Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’

(1 Cor.6:19 “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?” (Gal.3:2-3)

## FATHER’S DAY

**(Heb.12:9) “Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?”**

- If you have an earthly father, talk to them today (**Eph.6:2**).
- If you do not have an earthly father, talk to your heavenly Father today (**Ps.68:5**).

**(John 14:6) “Jesus said to him (Thomas), ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.’”**