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## **God Is a Loving Father**

*“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!”*

*- 1 John 3:1*

**T**alking about God is confusing because people’s notions of who or what God is greatly differ. When Christians talk about God, we are talking about the Father of Jesus Christ, the Creator of heaven and earth. When one accepts Jesus as Lord and Savior, one receives the Holy Spirit and is immediately adopted into the family of God. The Good News is that God is not an absent father, an unstable father, or an authoritative father, but is a loving Father.

### **God Is Not an Absent Father**

According to the worldview of atheism, God is an absent father who is uninvolved with our lives. After all, it is thought that He does not exist, so how could He be in-

volved? Under the worldview of agnosticism, God may or may not exist; regardless, He does not care. People can have fathers who are physically there but are emotionally disconnected.

According to Christianity, God exists and is near at hand. He doesn't want us simply to believe that He exists; He wants to have a relationship with us where we can talk to Him like we do with our earthly parents.

### **God Is Not an Unstable Father**

Many pagan religions view God as an emotional mess. If my crops are growing, God loves me. If they are not growing, God hates me. There is a version of this in our society, where faith is based on my personal feelings rather than the truth. When things are going well, I love God. If things are not going well, God is a jerk.

The love of the heavenly Father is consistent. It is the same yesterday, today and forever. His love is not a wishy-washy love, but is anchored in justice and holiness. It is good that God does not change according to our feelings or circumstances. Rather, we have a loving Father who can change us

when we approach Him. We have a loving Father who wants to redeem the circumstances we face. We have a loving Father who can give us the peace and joy that only the Holy Spirit can provide. God does not promise His children an easy life, but He does offer a life where we can live with Him. Knowing that God is for us and with us is the best thing in the world.

### **God Is Not a Tyrannical Father**

Most world religions and moral systems view God as an authoritative Father—a tyrant. If I behave, God loves me. If I don't behave, God doesn't love me.

The Good News is that God loves you no matter how well you perform. The truth is this, you cannot impress God with your behavior. Just like the Father welcoming the prodigal son, God is quick to forgive, to accept us, and to welcome us back home. We cannot earn God's love, but we must want it. We receive the Father's love by accepting what our brother Jesus Christ has done on our behalf. Christ has destroyed the barrier between humanity and God and we now have access to God's presence, the Holy

Spirit. But we must pray to the Father for His presence. "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?" (Luke 11:13). God is a loving Father. When we embrace Jesus Christ's salvation we are adopted into the family of God and can call Jesus' father our Father.

## **Missionary Trip**

### **To Armenia**

**M**y wife Nancy and I had a life changing experience during our five week missionary trip to the homeland. There were two parts to our trip. During the first half, we brought together a group of a dozen ministers of both Armenian and non-Armenian ancestry and traveled to twenty churches all-across Armenia. Our team prayed for over 500 people and at every church, most congregants came up to receive prayer from our team. We saw many people come to faith, receive a calling into ministry, and receive healings. There is a genuine hunger for the

## Lord in Armenia.

One story that stood out is about a young woman came up for prayer who was deaf in one ear. She lost her hearing when she was 6 years old because her Aunt used to abuse her. When Nancy and I prayed, we took her back to the memory of losing her hearing. She was able to forgive her aunt and immediately she saw Jesus in her memory weeping with her. While we were praying, I felt led to put my finger in her ear. As I put my finger in her ear. She heard the word nervous system. So we prayed over her mind and she dropped to the floor. The Holy Spirit put her in a state of spiritual anesthesia and began to heal her. We persistent in prayer until she got up. Her ear received 50 percent hearing. So we kept praying and kept testing her ear until she was 100 percent healed. The best part of this testimony is that another woman, who had just popped her ear drum three months prior, came up for prayer right afterwards. We asked the young woman who had just been healed to pray instead of us. Her faith level was extremely high, so she prayed over the older woman and she was healed immediately.

The second part of the trip was in partnership with the Armenian Missionary Association of America, where close to 150 youth gathered from all across the world. It was an amazing time of fellowship and learning about all the similarities and differences between the types of Armenians. The first third of this trip was sightseeing, the second was a conference at the AMAA Camp, and the third was splitting up into smaller teams and doing community service projects/ministry all across the country. One of my favorite testimonies was when a young man from California came up to Nancy and I and said he wanted to become a christian. So we led him through a prayer of surrender to the lordship of Jesus Christ. While we were praying, he began to feel heat and then it started to rain. After we stopped praying the rain had stopped. "There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10). There are many more stories to share from this trip. I will be using them in the future. All glory belongs to God.

*In Christ,*

*Rev. Haig Kherlopian*



## FELLOWSHIP HOUR

We wish to express our gratitude to the following for their generous contribution towards Fellowship Hour in the month of June, July & August:

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*Thank  
You*

## CHANCEL FLOWERS PRESENTED

September 2 - In loving memory of **Berge Kayaian**, by the Armenian Evangelical Church of New York.

September 9 - Wishing their dad, **Jack Dokouzian**, a very happy 92nd birthday. With all their love, from Karen, Joanne, Michael, and Robert.

September 9 - In loving memory of **Seth & Estelle Dogramajian**, by Pearl, Raina, Steve & Sage.

September 16 - In loving memory of **Luther Dogramajian**, by Pearl, Raina, Steve & Sage.

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## **UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS**

### **Join us for:**

*Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 AM*

*Tuesdays Night Bible Study at 7:30 PM*

**Sept 16**      **Church Congregational Meeting**

**Sept 18**      **Tuesday Night Bible Study Resumes**  
All are welcome!

**Oct 5-7**      **AEYF Fall Conference**  
Paramus, NJ - Sign up @ AEYF.org

**Oct 28**      **Lahmejun Luncheon**

**Nov 11**      **122nd Anniversary Luncheon**  
Details to follow!

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