

Ministry of Reconciliation (MOR) Bible Teachings



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MOR-Bible, which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you. We thank God our Father always without ceasing, because, when you received the Word of God which you heard of us, you received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which effectually works also in you that believe (1 Thessalonians 2:13).

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our Father in whom every heart is known. To the born-again believers and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ, we give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you. For the hope, which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof you heard before in the Word of the truth of the gospel. For this cause, we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you and to desire that you might be filled with the knowledge of God our Father's will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding that you might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God our Father. Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, to all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness. Giving thanks to the Father, which has made us adequate to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. Thanks be to God our Father, who has delivered us, His sons and daughters, from the power of darkness, and has translated us into His kingdom by the works of his dear Son (Colossians 1:3-13). In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:20). Amen.

In [last month's teaching](#), we searched the scriptures for some examples of the Greek word *theos* for our English word "God." We were blessed by reading the first and last usages of the scriptures for the Greek word *theos* documented in the Gospels, Church Epistles, and Revelation. It was great joy and rejoicing for me to read God's Word concerning *theos* - the God, the one supreme with whom is the fountain of life and light. God our Father is all powerful. He is first. He is the one above all. He is Elohim, the Creator. He is Jehovah representing His connection to what He created. And He is El Shaddai, Almighty God!

Once again Ephesians 4:3-6:

Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

*One God and **Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.***

[Bold identifies the unity of the spirit we are reviewing]

With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love, we keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace! We must, as sons and daughters of God our Father, walk with lowliness, humility, modesty, and demeanor. We must walk with meekness, gentleness, tenderness, and enduring all things with an even temper. We must walk with longsuffering, patience, endurance, and forbearance. We must walk upright. We must hold up, hold out, endure and bear with one another in unity. And the only way we can do this is with the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation! (see [August 2020](#) teaching)

In this month's teaching we will continue with our Word-based study on the final unity of the spirit documented in Ephesians 4:6 - "Father of all." In doing so we will:

- Define the word "Father" which is the Latin word *Pater*. It is defined as Father, ancestor, spoken of God, creator.
- Discuss the Greek word *ek* for our English word "of."
- Discuss the figure of speech Polysyndeton.
- Discuss the two ways the word "all" is used in God's Word.
- Discuss what the number eight (8) represents in God's Word as "Father" is listed eighth in Ephesians 4:6.
- Review some usages of the number eight (8) in God's Word.

The word "Father" is the Latin word *pater* meaning Father, ancestor, spoken of God, as creator. (Bullinger. 1975. Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament). How can God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be our Father? The answer is documented in God's Word! Romans 10 9-10 tells us:

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation [wholeness].

When I confessed with my mouth the Lord Jesus and believed in my heart that God has raised him from the dead, I was saved, born-again of God's Spirit! That Spirit of God is incorruptible seed! 1 Peter 1:23 explains:

Now we are born-again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abides forever.

Our spiritual birth is of God's incorruptible seed. His gift of holy spirit which lives and abides for how long? Forever! When I was born into this world, I was born of my earthly father's corruptible seed. When I take my last breath on this earth, it will be the end of my earthly father's corruptible seed in me. That is my fleshly birth. Remember John 3:6 says:

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

We have the opportunity to have two separate seeds! One seed is corruptible flesh of my earthly father. And the second seed is incorruptible spirit of my heavenly Father, which lives and abides forever! God's Word declares now are we sons and daughters of God! 1 John 3:1-3 states:

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore, the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

We know without a shadow of a doubt that now we are sons and daughters of God. When Christ shall appear, we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is. And everyone born-again of God's Spirit, that has this hope in him, purifies himself, even as he is pure in that spirit of God that is in him! (1 John 3:1-3)

The word "of" is the Greek word *ek* which means out from. We that have confessed Jesus as Lord and believed in our hearts that God has raised him from the dead are *out from God* or born-again of God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father's seed!

There are two ways the word "all" is used in God's Word. All with distinction and all without distinction. In the phrase "who is above all," the word "all" is without distinction.

For example, God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, is above all without distinction! Colossians 1:16-17 tell us:

For by him [God] were all [without distinction] things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all [without distinction] things were created by him [God], and for him [God].

And he [God] is before all [without distinction] things, and by him [God] all [without distinction] things consist.

The one true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is before all things without distinction! He is the one supreme with whom is the fountain of life and light. God is the mighty one, the one above all! God's Word declares He is Elohim the creator of all things! He is Jehovah signifying His relationship to what He has created. And He is El Shaddai, God Almighty! In the book of Revelation, God is referred to as "Lord God Almighty."

The phrases *and through all* and *in you all* are the figure of speech Polysyndeton. Polysyndeton is a figure of speech that synchronizes conjunctions words such as "and," "or," and "but." The purpose is to link additional words or sections in a sentence into associations of equal importance. They are used numerous times in adjacent sequences, predominantly where concurrences would typically not exist at all. The phrases *and through all* and *in you all* have equal importance in Ephesians 4:6.

*One God and Father of all, who is above all, **and through all, and in you all.***
[Bold identifies the use of Polysyndeton.]

The word "all" in these two phrases means with distinction among the born-again believers. God is not the God of the unbelievers. God is through all, and *in all of us* who have confessed the Lord Jesus and have believed in our hearts that God has raised Jesus from the dead. We were saved and born-again of His Spirit (Romans 10:9). We are now sons and daughters of God (1 John 3:2).

In the Aramaic "in you, all" is "in us all," because God is Almighty. He is omnipotent. He is *through all* because God is ever-present. He fills all. It's God in Christ in you who are born-again of His Spirit (Colossians 1:27)! He is one God and Father of Jesus Christ and all believers, who is through all and *in us all* in the body of Christ! Bless the Lord in my body, soul, and spirit! My heart desires to do the Will of my Father! 2 Corinthians 5:19 states:

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself.

God was where? In Christ! Colossians 1:27 says:

To whom God would make known [by His Word] what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Christ is where? In you! According to God's Word, it's God in Christ in each born-again believer, because God is almighty. He is *through all* because God is ever-present. He fills all. It's God in Christ in you the hope of glory to those who are born-again of His Spirit! This is what God's Word declares peoples! We have eternal unity with God our Father and His son the Lord Jesus Christ! Because of this eternal unity with God our Father and His son the Lord Jesus Christ, we are God's workmanship. God has done a perfect work in Christ Jesus, and a perfect work in that gift of holy spirit we received when we were born-again! Ephesians 2:10 says:

For we [the born-again believers] are his [God's] workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

We are now the one true God's workmanship created in the now glorified one who was once humbled Christ Jesus to good works! He's not the Father of the nonbelievers who have not confessed the Lord Jesus and don't believe in their hearts that God has raised Jesus from the dead. Romans 8:8 states:

So, then they that are in the flesh [body and soul only] cannot please God.

Why? 1 Corinthians 2:14 explains:

But the natural man [body and soul only] receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

The natural man has no spirit of God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Now, if any man or woman has not the spirit of God dwelling in him or her, God is not their Father! Romans 8:9 states:

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man has not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

God's Word says if any man or woman has not the Spirit of Christ, he or she is none of His! That's what God's Word declares and that's what it means! Ephesians 1:22-23 tells us:

And hath put all things under his feet and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

God has put all things under Christ's feet and gave him Christ to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body and the fulness of God that fills all in all! The will of God is the Word of God!

The number eight in God's Word signifies the first of a new series. Under the Law Administration, circumcision was performed on the eighth day. David was the eighth son of Jesse. The number eight also deals with resurrection and regeneration. In addition, the number eight in the Word of God is always a new beginning. Christ appeared in his resurrected body on the first day of the week which was the eighth day, a new beginning. There are eight unities of the spirit listed in Ephesians 4. The number eight is seven plus one, indicating spiritual perfection, plus unity, which is the oneness of God! This makes the number eight the super abounding number, over and above, perfect completeness!

There are nine manifestations of the spirit but the manifestation of speaking in tongues is listed eighth in 1 Corinthians 12:10. Speaking in tongues makes one overflow spiritually. It is the only manifestation that builds us up spiritually! (see [June 2016](#) teaching). Let's look at some examples related to this eighth manifestation – speaking in tongues.

1 Corinthians 14:4:

He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth [builds] himself [spiritually].

2 Corinthians 4:16:

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

Speaking in tongues is the only way the inward man (the gift of holy spirit) is renewed day by day! Speaking in tongues is the only way you can build up that gift of holy spirit that is in you! Remember John 3:6 says:

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

There are two separated births - one is of the flesh and the other one is of the spirit. John 4:24 says:

God is Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

A way to think about this is that we eat physical food to sustain our bodies. But physical food does nothing for the spirit that is in each born-again believer! The only way we can feed or build up that gift of holy spirit in us is by speaking in tongues (1 Corinthians 14:4)!

Let's look at some usages in God's Word of the number eight where we can see the number eight as the first of a new series or resurrection and regeneration.

Luke 1:59-60:

And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child [John the Baptist]; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. And his mother answered and said, not so; but he shall be called John.

Luke 9:28:

And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he [Jesus Christ] took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.

1 Peter 3:20:

Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

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We discussed the figure of speech Polysyndeton. We discussed there are two ways the word "all" is used in God's Word. All with distinction and "all" without distinction. We defined what the number eight represents in the Word of God and reviewed usages of the number eight in God's Word.

God's Word unequivocally declares there is one true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, who is above all, and through all born-again believers, and in all born-again believers in the body of Christ! When I confessed with my mouth the Lord Jesus and believed in my heart that God raised him from the dead, I was saved or born-

again of God's Spirit! God's Word states that the spirit in us is incorruptible seed which lives and abides forever! We are sons and daughters of God!

In Ephesians 4:3-6, as we endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, these unities of the spirit (one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God) encourage the believers to stand, to walk, to serve, to believe, to love, and to work together as one household! We must, as sons and daughters of God our Father, walk with lowliness, humility, modesty and demeanor. We must walk with meekness, gentleness, tenderness and enduring all things with an even temper. We must walk with longsuffering, patient, endurance and forbearance. We must walk, upright, we must hold up, hold out, endure and bear with one another in unity. And the only way we can do this is with the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation! (for more on this see MOR teaching [August 2020](#)) The Will of God is the Word of God.

Father, thank you for opening our understanding of your Word concerning who you are and what you accomplished for us through your only begotten son the Lord Jesus Christ. Father, thank you that we know from your Word without any doubt that we are your sons and daughters in your household. Father, thank you that we know from your Word you are the one true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, who is above all, and through all born-again believers, and in all born-again believers in the body of Christ. Father, you can do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power of your gift of holy spirit that works in us. Now to you, Father, be the glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen!

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Next month's teaching will be Part 2 from this month, where we will review some of the scriptures for the Latin word *Pater* used for our English word "Father."

In the Lord,

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Son of God through Jesus Christ
Ambassador for Christ