

## **Systematic Theology 104 Ch #37**

### **C&D #3 & #4**

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#3. Jesus loves us so much, and as our heavenly Father He is always good! Though our earthly fathers may have not been there for us or may have let us down. They could have also been one of the best earthly fathers to us, however their best gift to us could never compare to what our heavenly Father has for us. Our heavenly Father wants to and is always willing and able to give us good gifts. He gives good gifts to those who ask him. His Word is truth and it's His promise to us, so we can trust everything that He says in His Word. Yes, He loves us so much that he paid a ransom to save us from the empty life that we inherited from our ancestors. That's true love! I believe that there are different things that a person who has had a cruel and unloving earthly father has to do in order to gain a better appreciation of who God is, and what kind of Father He is. I believe that spending alot of time in prayer, reading His Word, worship, studying, and meditating on scriptures as His adopted children will definitely help that person to understand how special we are to Him, and how much He truly loves us! I don't believe that there is anything different that is going on today then there was in the Old Testament with relationships.

I do believe that Christians still dealt with having cruel, absent, deceased, and unloving earthly fathers just like people have to today. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever, so I know that the teachings of us being His adopted children, and Him being our good Father would have helped them. I do believe that people who have had evil earthly fathers do have a God-given inward sense of what a good father is. God gives us an internal witness from the Holy Spirit that causes us instinctively to call God our Father.

#4. Our church, our brothers and sisters in Christ are our family. Although, I know, this chapter has just reminded me of the importance of the family/body of Christ. We are one body, and we will fulfill God's work together for His kingdom and His glory. I think that we could encourage a better appreciation of this idea by reminding each other how much we appreciate one another, and just continue to help and encourage each other.