

## OUR ETERNAL FATHER

### What Child Is This? — Part 3

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"To us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

"In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son..." Hebrews 1:1-2 (NIV)

"Show us the Father and that will be enough for us." John 14:8 (NIV)

"Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father?'" John 14:9 (NIV)

## JESUS REVEALED GOD AS OUR ETERNAL FATHER IN THREE VITAL WAYS

### 1. He is the giver of eternal life.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life..." John 1:1-4 (NIV)

"He has also set eternity in the hearts of men..." Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)

### 2. He is the giver of eternal light.

"In Him was life, and that life was the light of men." John 1:4 (NIV)

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12 (NIV)

"The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it." John 1:5 (NIV)

"Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed." John 3:20 (NIV)

"You used to let the different parts of your body be slaves of your evil thoughts. But now you must make every part of your body serve God, so that you will belong completely to Him." Romans 6:19 (CEV)

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

"My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin." 1 John 2:1 (NLT)

*"Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off your relish of spiritual things; in short, whatever increases the strength and authority of your body over your mind, that thing is sin to you, however innocent it may be in itself."* — Susanna Wesley

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"‘I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’"

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

### **3. He is the giver of eternal love.**

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John testified concerning Him. He cried out, saying, ‘This is He of whom I said, “He who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.”’) From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but God, the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side, has made Him known." John 1:14-18 (NIV)

"God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son..."

John 3:16 (NIV)