



WHO'S YOUR FATHER?

It determines your life, now & forever!

(Christianity is Christ-Centered, yet Father-Focused)

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Christ's Four Profoundly Simple Truths: Profound enough for a PhD, simple enough for a child



1. **SUFFERING** = (John 14:1 & 27) Trouble vs. Peace

Universe Falling Apart: physically/psychosocially/culturally

- Our Lives: anxiety, depression, addiction, conflict, divorce . . .
- Our World: disorder, dysfunction, disease, devolution, porn, adultery, abortion, war, pain, fear, death
- Fruit of the flesh vs. Fruit of His Spirit (Galatians 5)

Believe: Faith based on evidence, NOT feelings or majority opinion (Hebrews 11:1)

- Smoke is evidence to believe in a fire that we cannot yet see.
- Jesus is evidence to believe in our Creator Father who we cannot yet see.

2. **SEPARATION** = (John 14:2-6, 8) Orphans/Fatherless (Psalm 68:4-6)

Families Falling Apart: no socialization in the image/character of the Father/Son

- Teen elephant gangs, boys with single-moms
- Satan's war against the Father/Fatherhood/Family (John 8:13-59)

Trinity's Love: Agape love is the ACTIVE GIVING of self to and for another person

- God IS pure, unselfish love (1 John 4:8). So who did God give love to before we were created?
- God has always existed as Father-Son-Spirit giving self in love to each other as ONE.

3. **SELFISHNESS** = (John 14:15, 21-23) = Sin = Rebellion = core motive serving self

Self-Deification: (Genesis 3; Isa 53:6; 59:9; Rom 3:23)

- Desires vs. Needs (James 4) Example: Ronald McDonald House vs. Abortion Clinic
- Sin's Way sacrifices others for selfish desires.
- God's Way sacrifices self for others' needs.

LAWS: of logic, of math, of science, of sociology (*family, culture, character, morality*) of LOVE

- Laws are non-physical *information* that do NOT arise from *natural* matter.
- Laws RULE *over* matter. So non-physical *intelligent supernatural* JUDGE designed laws.

4. **SALVATION** = Greek = **SOZO** = Whole vs. Falling Apart (John 14:1, 2-6, 27 Peace)

Savior = rescuer & rehabilitator, just as my children and I rescued/rehabbed suffering wild animals.

- Reconciled to your Creator Father (John 1:1-18) by His Son's forgiving work
- By His grace through faith NOT by man's religious works. We cannot make ourselves good enough. (Rom 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9)

- Our purpose is to reflect the Father's image & character = a loving servant leader
- Born of and filled with His Spirit, so He can live IN you and through you TO others
- Goal = His honor, other benefit, and your J.O.Y.



CREATURE FEATURE: (Job 12:7-10) "Let the animals teach you"

- Zoo Orangutan Frankie, a Father for His Family God's WAY

