

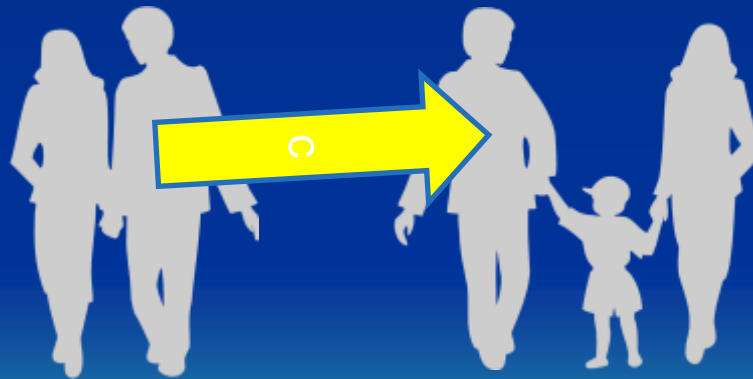
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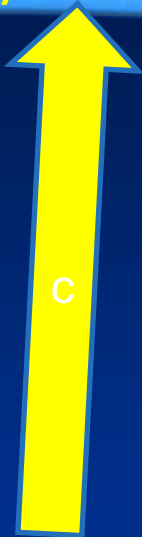


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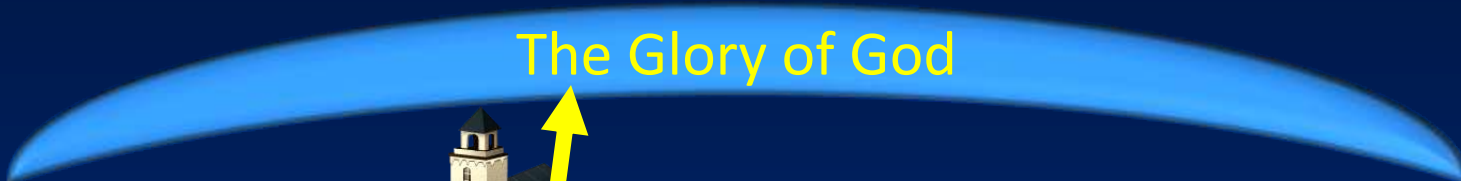
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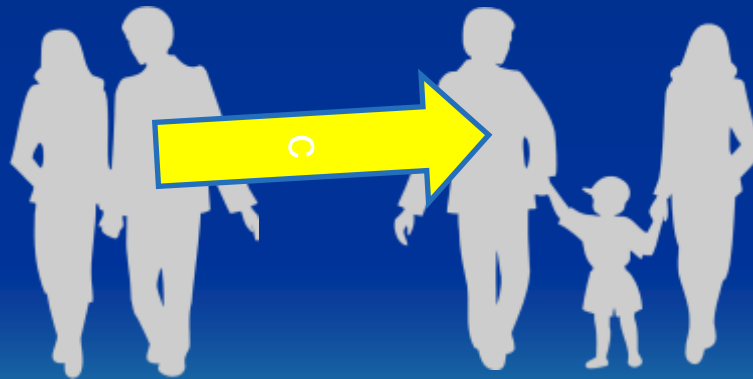
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In the Image of God

- Fatherhood
- His Image
 - 3 Aspects of His Image
 - Grace
 - Love
 - Fellowship



FATHER

- ***Webster, 1928***
 - He who begets a child
 - He who creates, invents, makes or composes a thing; the author, former or contriver; a founder, director, instructor. God as creator is the FATHER of all men



FATHER

- [24] For this reason a man shall leave his FATHER [h1] and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.



Old Testament FATHER

- **Strong's Concordance Number**
 - 1. ab
- Other useage
 - ELIAB => EL (God) is AB (FATHER)
- Note the contrast to Islam where “God is Great” misses the relationship aspect



God as FATHER-Old Testament

- Addressing God as FATHER
 - Psalm 89[26] He (David) shall cry unto me, Thou *art* my FATHER, my God, and the rock of my salvation.
 - Isaiah 9:[6] and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting FATHER, The Prince of Peace.
 - Isaiah 63[16]...thou, O LORD, *art* our FATHER, our redeemer; thy name *is* from everlasting.
 - Malachi 2[10] “Do we not all have one FATHER? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously each against his brother



God as FATHER-New Testament

- ABBA (intimate and inseparable relationship)
 - Mark 14[36] And he said, Abba, FATHER, all things *are* possible to thee;
 - Rom 8[15]...but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! FATHER!”
 - Gal 4[6] Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”



God as FATHER

- 1 John 2[24]...If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the FATHER
- 1 Peter 1[17] If you address as FATHER the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay *on earth*;



John 8

- [18] “I am He who testifies about Myself, and the FATHER who sent Me testifies about Me.” [19] So they were saying to Him, “Where is Your FATHER?” Jesus answered, “You know neither Me nor My FATHER; if you knew Me, you would know My FATHER also.”



- ...[21] Then He said again to them, “I go away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come.” [22] So the Jews were saying, “Surely He will not kill Himself, will He, since He says, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come’ ?”



- [23] And He was saying to them, “You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world.
[24] “Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”
[25] So they were saying to Him, “Who are You?” Jesus said to them, “ What have I been saying to you from the beginning?”



- [38] “I speak the things which I have seen with *My* FATHER; therefore you also do the things which you heard from *your* FATHER.”
- [39] They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our FATHER.” Jesus said to them, “If you are Abraham's children, do the deeds of Abraham.



- [40] “But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do.
[41] “You are doing the deeds of your FATHER.” They said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; we have one FATHER: God.”



- [42] Jesus said to them, “If God were your FATHER, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me. [43] “Why do you not understand what I am saying? *It is because you cannot hear My word.*



- [44] “You are of *your* FATHER the devil, and you want to do the desires of your FATHER. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, for he is a liar and the FATHER of lies.



- [26] “I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and the things which I heard from Him, these I speak to the world.”
[27] They did not realize that He had been speaking to them about the FATHER.



- [28] So Jesus said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the FATHER taught Me. [29] “And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.” [30] As He spoke these things, many came to believe in Him.



FATHER

- **1John 2[5]...By this we know that we are in Him: [6] the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.**



FATHER

- **We are to reflect the nature of our FATHER**
- **What ever good thing your family is to become, it needs to start with you.**



Characteristics of God

- 2 Cor 13:[14] The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.



Grace

- Paul grew up under law, came to know grace. Look at closing to each letter
 - 1 Cor 16[23] The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.
 - Gal 6[18] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit
 - Eph 6[24] Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ



Grace

- Phillip 4[23] The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.
- Col 4[18]... Grace be with you.
- 1 Thes 5[28] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
- 2 Thes 3[18] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.



- 1 Tim 6[21]...Grace be with you.
- Titus 3[15]...Grace be with you all.
- Philemon [25] The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.



Grace

- Heb 13 [25] Grace be with you all.
- 2 Peter[17] You therefore, ..., be on your guard so that you are not carried away ... and fall from your own steadfastness, [18] but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- Revelation 22[21] The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.



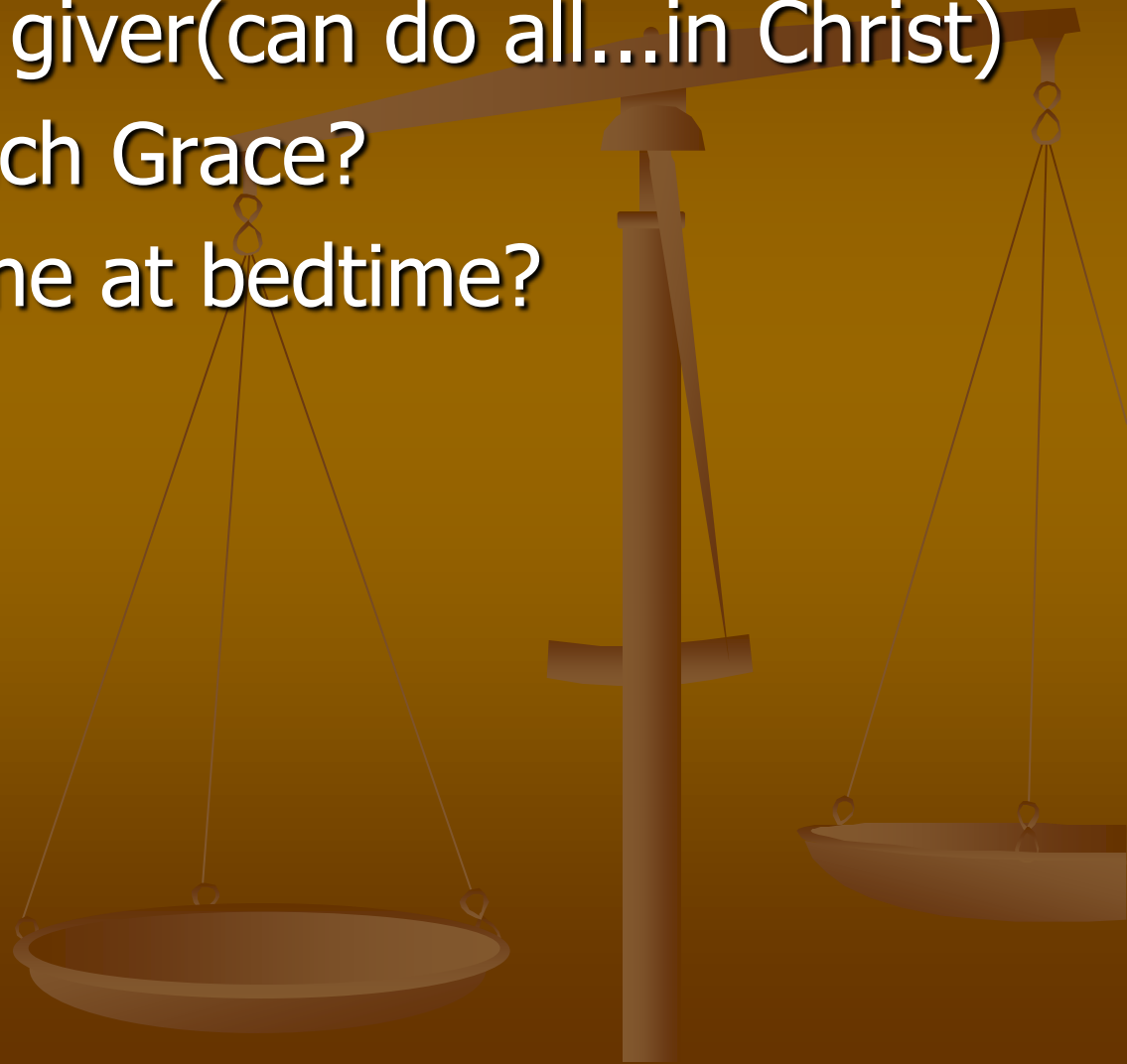
Grace

- God's
- Riches
- At
- Christ's
- Expense



Grace

- Grace costs the giver(can do all...in Christ)
- How do you teach Grace?
- What is the scene at bedtime?
 - Younger kids
 - Older kids
 - Spouse



Love

- Love vs Grace....
- 1John 4[7] Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. [8] He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.



Love

- From “The Berean Call” Oct 2010
- It is both logical and biblical that the more sinful and worthless we realize we are in God’s eyes, the greater our gratitude and love that Christ would die for us. By whatever extent we imagine that we are lovable or worth His sacrifice we lessen our appreciation of His love. The Bible teaches that God loves us not because of who we are but because of who He is.



Love

- “God is love” 1Jn 4:16. If God loved us because something attractive or worthwhile within us elicited that love, then, changeable creatures that we are, we could lose that appeal and with it God’s love. But if He loves us because God is love, then that love can never be lost, for God never changes. Therein lies our security for eternity Jer 33:3, --and all the glory is His! [Berean Call Oct 2010](#)



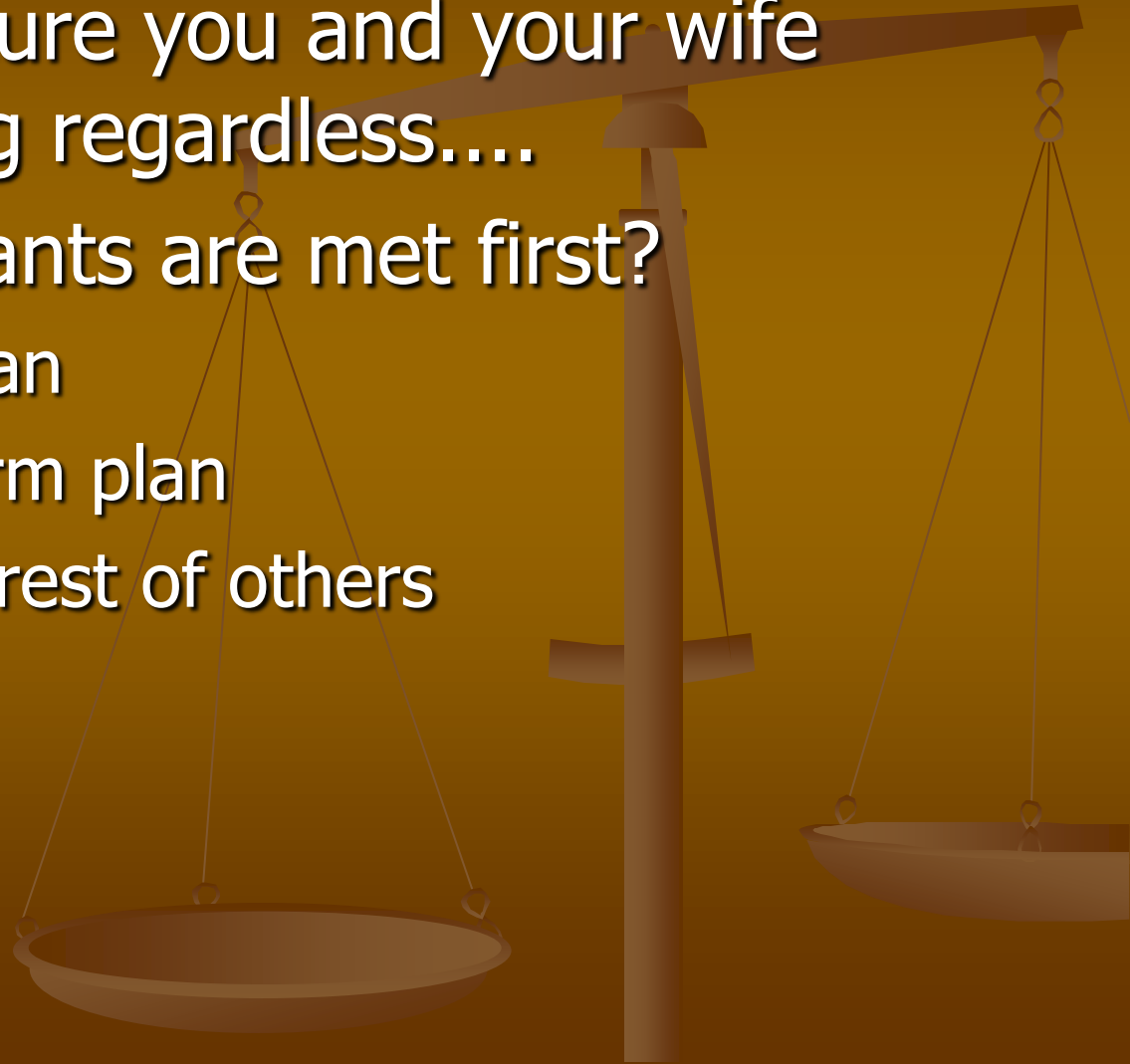
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- John 14[21] “He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My FATHER, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him.”



Love

- What is the picture you and your wife present? Loving regardless....
- Who's needs/wants are met first?
 - In your daily plan
 - In your long term plan
 - In the best interest of others



Fellowship

- 1John 1[6] If we say that we have fellowship with Him and *yet* walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; [7] but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.



Fellowship

- koinwnia to share in. Fellowship with, participation.
 - Phil 1[5] in view of your **participation** [*Or sharing in the preaching of the gospel*] in the gospel from the first day until now.
 - 2[1] Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any **fellowship** of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,
 - 3[10] that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and [*Or participation in*] the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;



- Brethren usage on finances (contribution)
 - Rom 15 [26] For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a **contribution** for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem.
 - 2 Cor 2[13]Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for *your* obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution [*sharing with them*] to them and to all,



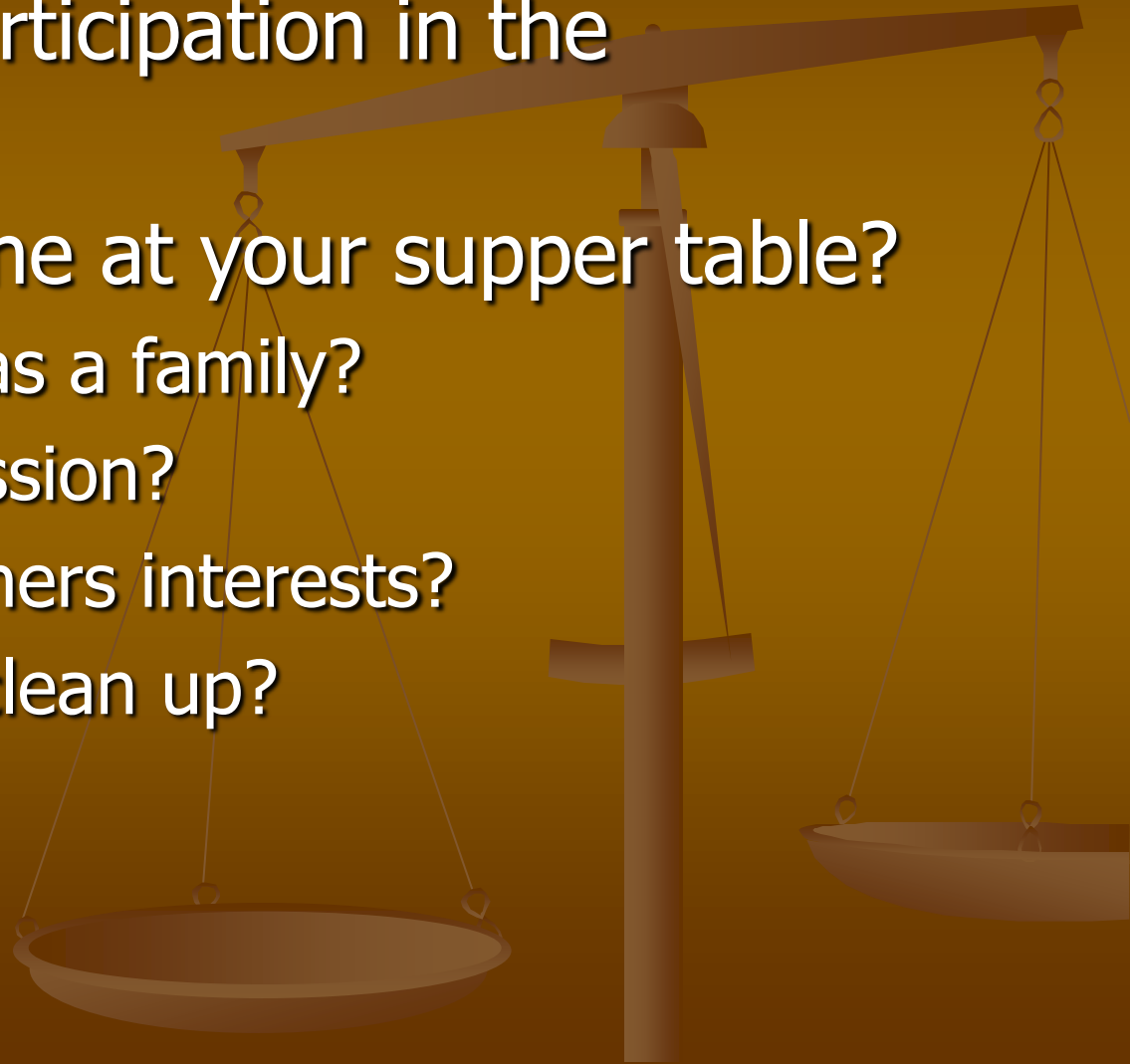
Fellowship

- Fellowship of the Spirit...His coming along side and participating together with us.
- Fellowship is participation in the Body of Christ. Looking out for the others interest, come prepared to give of yourself on their behalf. Bring something to share. God does.



Fellowship

- What is your participation in the Assembly?
- What is the scene at your supper table?
 - Meet together as a family?
 - Topics of discussion?
 - Look out for others interests?
 - Who does the clean up?



FATHERs in the Image of God

- FATHERs, you are the Example and Leader and you are pointing them to a relationship with our FATHER.
- Reflecting the Characteristics of God
 - Grace that Gives
 - Love that Looks out for Others Needs and reflects your obedience to Christ
 - Fellowship that Participates

