

WHAT THE GENUINE MUST BE AWARE OF AS FATHER CHASTISES

"When Your judgments are executed, people learn righteousness" (Isaiah 26:9).

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Our Father's Emotions Are Embedded In His Character

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

The Scriptures clearly demonstrate that our God—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit—has many different emotions. A few of these emotions are **love** (Psalms 86:5; 1John 4:9,10; John 3:16), **compassion** (Isaiah 63:9; Matthew 9:36), **joy** (Psalms 21:6), **grief** (Isaiah 63:10; Mark 3:5; Ephesians 4:30), **regret** (Genesis 6:6; 1Samuel 15:11), **anger** (Deuteronomy 1:37; Isaiah 47:6), and **jealousy** (Deuteronomy 4:24). Psalm 86:15 emphasizes five of His emotions which are integral to Who God is. His emotions are not erratic or fickle like human emotions. But there is widespread misrepresentation about God's emotions because logical, analytical theologians introduced the concept of **divine impassibility** (see box below). The *genuinely* born again must be on guard against allowing themselves to nullify God's emotions.

Logical, Analytical Anti-Semitic Theology Portrays God As Devoid Of or Above All Emotions

"They desire to teach [God's Word] without understanding what they so confidently affirm" (1Timothy 1:7).

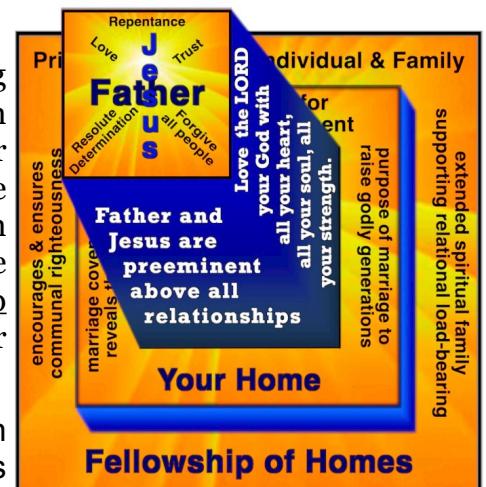
The creedal stances of many denominations are concocted by brazen theologians who logically analyzed God. One of their bogus presumptions is **divine impassibility**, which falsely professes that God does not have emotions, or is above all emotions. Some theologians go so far as to contend that God is incapable of sympathizing with human suffering. Nominal clergy who've been influenced by divine impassibility may *teach about* God's love because it's in the Bible. BUT they have never personally experienced the fullness of His love. As a result they focus congregants on Bible knowledge without application, and religious services and programs.

Even though Scripture unmistakably describes God as experiencing emotions such as love, anger, sorrow, joy, theologians interpret these as attempts to ascribe human characteristics to God. Since they haven't personally experienced the reality of an intimate, interactive relationship with our Father and Lord Jesus which the Bible speaks to, theologians have fashioned a 'logical God' just like themselves. The *genuine* must avoid being duped!

"We love because He first loved us" (1John 4:19).

Our Father, *Abba*, (see Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6) is very loving and approachable to His children. Scripture guarantees that when the *genuine* embrace the true Gospel, they receive from our Father and Lord Jesus the indwelling Holy Spirit. His presence enables the *genuine* to experience God's vast emotions, especially His love. In loving response to first being loved, the *genuinely* born again live with their Father and Lord Jesus as their preeminent relationship reflecting the New Covenant union: Lives intimately ruled by our Lord Jesus through His Spirit as we fulfill our Father's purposes.

We are affirming a far deeper interactive relational union than nominal Christianity offers. Nominal Christianity stresses religious programs and ritual, while our God extends the most intimate relationship that can be experienced by the *genuine*—*His indwelling presence!* Religion and intimate relationship have absolutely nothing in common! It's the indwelling Holy Spirit that makes intimacy possible and provides the means to experience the emotions which our Father and Lord Jesus have for you. The Spirit imparts divine emotions to the *genuine*, such as "*love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control*" (Galatians 5:22,23) which are far deeper than those



of the natural man. When our Lord promises, *“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you”* (John 14:27), isn’t He imparting His own emotion of well-being, tranquility and wholeness to us, His own?

The relational union in the New Covenant is a reciprocal heartfelt commitment.

The emotions of not only our heavenly Father but also of our Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit are clearly portrayed in God’s Word. And the love of our heavenly Father toward us is far more profound and filled with such intensity that humans in our frailty can’t fully grasp its enormity. Fully knowing the depth of His Father’s commitment to His children, our Lord could command the *genuine*, *“If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me”* (Luke 9:23). God’s emotions are precious and can only truly be appreciated by His sons and daughters who surrender themselves to dying to self so that Christ might live through them.

The *genuine* daily die to themselves to become like their Lord by the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit. It’s in this life-altering transformation that God’s emotions are increasingly experienced—so much so that *“We triumph over Satan by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony; and not loving our lives so much as to shrink from death”* (see Revelation 12:11). This is an emotional heart and spirit response to personally experiencing divine love, forgiveness and compassion.

Our Lord Jesus Himself establishes the *genuine*’s responsibility for remaining in His love: *“If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love”* (John 15:10). Divine love is not only experienced by those who carry out our Lord’s commands in their lives. It’s also what the *genuinely* born again reflect back to God through keeping His commands: *“Whoever has My commands and [lives by] them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him”* (John 14:21; see also Exodus 20:6; 1John 5:3). By gratefully appreciating that our Father and Lord Jesus have the deepest love toward you that you can ever experience, you’re impelled to fulfill your part of the New Covenant. Divine love is a motive of grace above all other motives!

Two of our Father’s emotions that the *genuine* may not fully comprehend: grief and anger.

Although God’s grief runs through Scripture, a most touching instance is this: *“The LORD regretted that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him to His heart”* (Genesis 6:6). Mike felt our Father’s grief near the end of our time in Jerusalem. He was seated on the wall in front of the church which commemorates where Jesus wept, located halfway down the Mount of Olives. In the greatest depth of sorrow he’d ever experienced, Mike heard our heavenly Father say to him, *“The reason I brought you to Israel is that the children of divorce in the United States are breaking My heart.”* For the full account see: Practice 1, page 6 of [Turning The Hearts Of The Fathers To The Children](#)

Our God also gets angry. The Bible repeatedly demonstrates that our long-suffering Father can be pushed to wrath. Tolerated sin and unconcern for His righteous commands provoke Him. One of the great revivals in the US began when Jonathan Edwards preached the sermon, *“Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God.”* Mike has never forgotten a time when he actually felt the heat of God’s anger, something he never wants to experience again. A friend who’d been pastoring for a number of years humbled himself one Sunday evening in front of his faith community and requested specific prayer.

As the people gathered around him to pray, one brazen woman used this occasion to berate the humble man under the guise of praying for him. As she continued her diatribe, the Lord called Mike to step away from the people who were encircling the pastor. He addressed Mike in such anger that he felt scorched by the heat: *“YOU STOP THAT WOMAN! If you don’t, she’ll be dead before this day ends!”* When Mike told the group what he had been told, the woman grabbed her husband and fled the church building. Our compassionate Lord will use His anger to defend the humble!

Please examine yourself. Only the Holy Spirit and your loving surrender to become more like your Lord Jesus as you fulfill Father’s purposes can enable you to experience the depth of His love for you.