



Introduction

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Daniel 7:13-14

13 I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the **Ancient of Days**, and they brought Him near before Him. **14** Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.



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Daniel 7:21-22

21 "I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, **22** until the **Ancient of Days** came, and **a judgment was made in favour of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.**



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1. He determines **times** and **seasons**.

Daniel 2:20-21a

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2. He sets up prime ministers and presidents.

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he removes kings and raises up kings ...



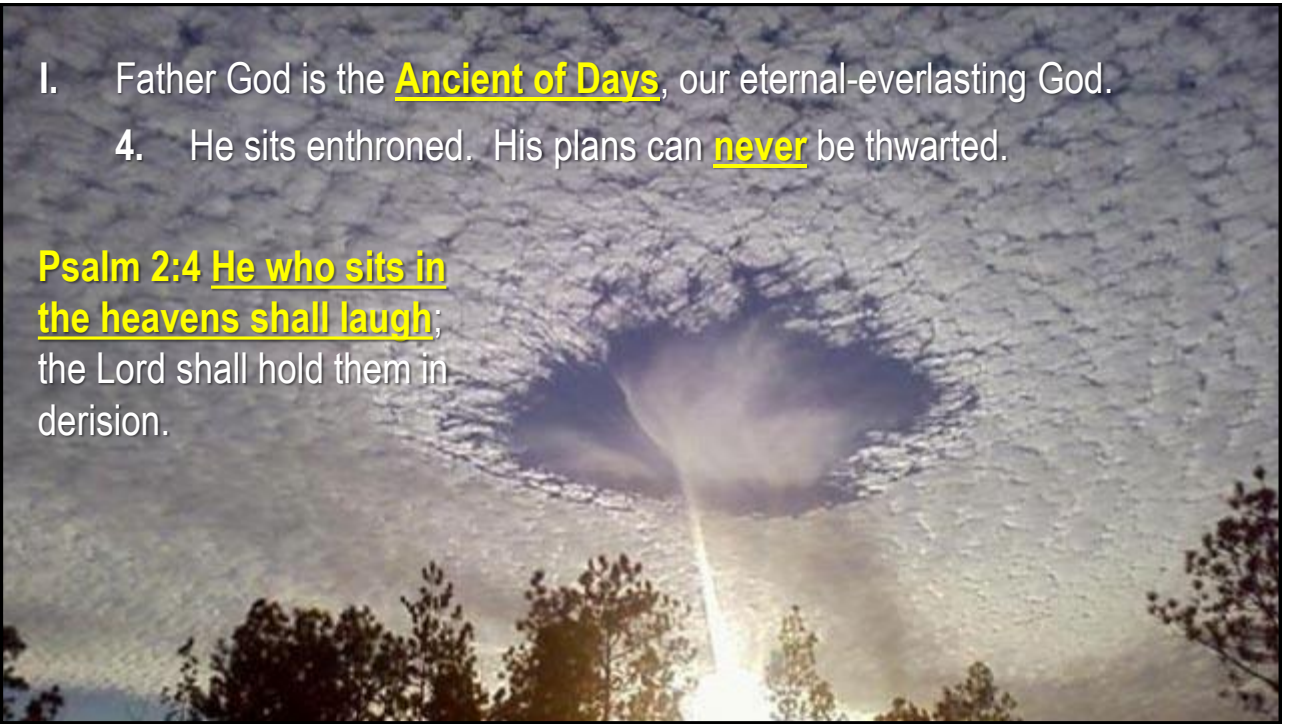
- I. Father God is the Ancient of Days, our eternal-everlasting God.
3. He directs the hearts of kings and rulers.

Proverbs 21:1 The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, like the rivers of water; he turns it wherever He wishes.



- I. Father God is the Ancient of Days, our eternal-everlasting God.
4. He sits enthroned. His plans can never be thwarted.

Psalm 2:4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision.



II. **Three main streams** of His Character and Attributes.



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II. **Three main streams** of His Character and Attributes.

1. Loving and kind

Exodus 34:6-7a

6 And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, 7 keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, ...



II. **Three main streams** of His Character and Attributes.

1. Loving and kind

Merciful Gracious Unfailing Love

Compassionate Loving Tender

Brings Joy Gives us Peace Good

Understanding Emphatic Gentle

Slow to Anger



II. **Three main streams** of His Character and Attributes.

2. **Just**

Definition of Just & Justice:

Just: based on or behaving according to

what is morally right and fair.

Justice: just behaviour or treatment.



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2. **Just**

Isaiah 61:8 “For I, **the Lord, love justice**; I hate robbery for burnt offering;
I will direct their **work in truth**, And will make with them an everlasting covenant.

Isaiah 30:18 [**God Will Be Gracious**] Therefore
the Lord will wait, that He may be gracious to you;
And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have
mercy on you. For the Lord is a **God of justice**;
Blessed are all those who wait for Him.

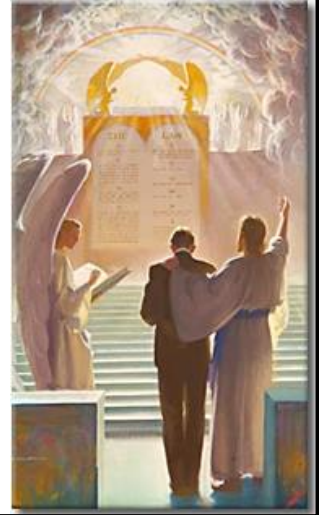


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2. **Just**

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. **14** For **God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.**



II. **Three main streams** of His Character and Attributes.

2. **Just**

2 Corinthians 5:10-11

10 For we must all appear before the **judgment seat of Christ**, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, **whether good or bad.**

11 Knowing, therefore, **the terror of the Lord**, **we persuade men**; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your **consciences.**



II. **Three main streams** of His Character and Attributes.

2. **Just**

Hebrews 6:10 For **God is not unjust** to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Ephesians 6:8 knowing that **whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord**, whether he is a slave or free.



II. **Three main streams** of His Character and Attributes.

3. **Righteous**

Definition of Righteous:

- 1 : acting **in accord with divine or moral law** : free from guilt or sin
- 2a : morally right or justifiable <a righteous decision>
- 2b : arising from an outraged sense of justice or morality <righteous indignation>



II. **Three main streams** of His Character and Attributes.

3. **Righteous**

Psalm 89:34

My covenant I will not break, nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.

Jeremiah 1:12 Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word."

Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?



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Jeremiah 9:24

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God is ALWAYS Loving, Just and Righteous Simultaneously!

Psalm 97:2 - Righteousness and Justice are the foundation of His throne.



1. The justice and righteousness of God.
 - A. In God's Sovereignty, amongst other things, He has given to man:
 - i. A free will
 - ii. Laws & Principles of Life



1. The justice and righteousness of God.
 - B. We must know that things will happen according to the Laws & Principles of Life.
 - B1. We reap positive outcomes / blessings when we obey - flow with the Laws & Principles of Life
 - B2. We reap negative outcomes / curses when we disobey the Laws & Principles of Life

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C. There are courts in heaven that decide the verdicts of individual lives and nations.

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Jeremiah 18:7-10

7 The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, 8 if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it. 9 And the instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it, 10 if it does evil in My sight so that it does not obey My voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it.

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Jeremiah 23:18 For who has stood in the counsel of the Lord, and has perceived and heard His word? Who has marked His word and heard it?

Jeremiah 25:13 So I will bring on that land all My words which I have pronounced against it, all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah has prophesied concerning all the nations.

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Zechariah 3:7 Thus says the Lord of hosts: 'If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My command, then you shall also judge My house, and likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk among these who stand here.



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1 Corinthians 6:2-3

2 Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? **3** Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?



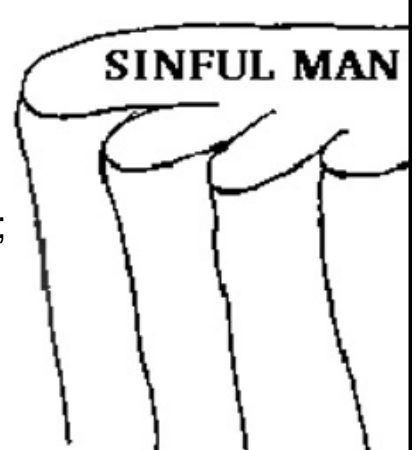
1. The justice and righteousness of God.

C1. God always want to love-bless people and He does so legally.

This is because He is just and righteous.



Isaiah 59:2
But your iniquities
have separated you from your God;
and your sins have hidden
His face from you, so that
He will not hear.



1. The justice and righteousness of God.

C2. Therefore, sins outstanding will block the Grace of God coming into our lives.

Psalm 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear.

Hebrews 12:15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled ...



1. The justice and righteousness of God.

C3. Similarly for sins of our fathers that are not under the blood, the consequences will continue to flow to us and our children up to the fourth generation (SOFCs).

Exodus 20:3-5

3 "You shall have no other gods before Me. **4** "You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; **5** you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me



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Galatians 3:13-14

13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), **14** that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

1. The justice and righteousness of God.

D1. God will give us justice when we come humbly to ask Him.

Luke 18:7-8

7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? **8** I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

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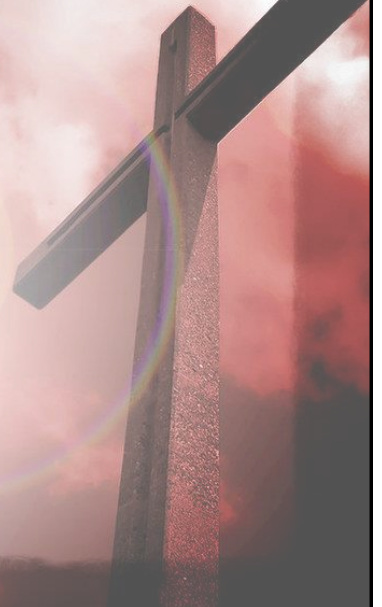
Revelation 12:11

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.



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1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.



1. The justice and righteousness of God.

E1. Know that our destiny is already written in a book in the Court of Heaven.

Psalm 139:16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.



1. The justice and righteousness of God.

E2. The devil seeks to steal, kill and destroy our destiny.

John 10:10a

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.



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Job 1:7 And the Lord said to Satan, "From where do you come?" So Satan answered the Lord and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it."

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1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour

1. The justice and righteousness of God.
- E2. The devil will steal, kill and destroy our destiny.
e.g. 1: the Apostle Peter

Luke 22:31-32

31 And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon!
Indeed, Satan has asked for you,
that he may sift you as wheat.

32 But I have prayed for you, that your
faith should not fail; and when you have
returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.”

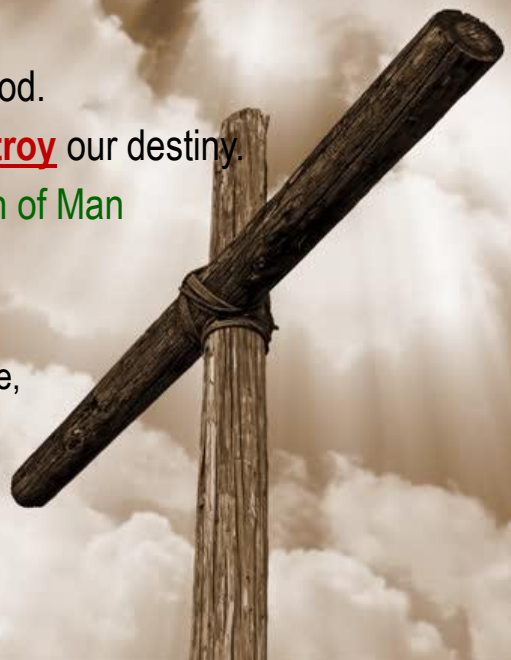


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e.g. 2: the Lord Jesus as the Son of Man

Hebrews 10:5-7

5 Therefore, when He came into the world,
He said: “Sacrifice and offering You did not desire,
but a body You have prepared for Me.

6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin
You had no pleasure. 7 Then I said, ‘Behold,
I have come—in the volume of the book
it is written of Me—to do Your will, O God.’”



2. The loving-kindness of God.

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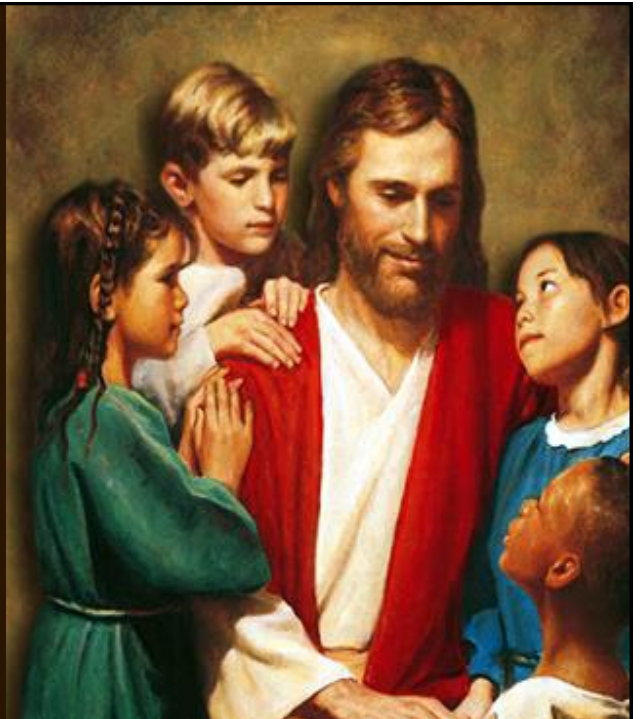
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2. The loving-kindness of God.

- A. He is our Heavenly Father and wants us to relate to Him as His **children**.



2. The loving-kindness of God.

A1. From the moment we are born again, the first thing that occurs is we become the children of God.

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:



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Romans 8:14-17

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. **15** For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." **16** The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **17** and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.





2. The loving-kindness of God.

A2. He wants us to continue to live as sons and daughters of God.

A3. This is our Discipleship Journey to transit from an Orphan Spirit to a Spirit of Sonship.

Contrasts between the Orphan Spirit and the Spirit of Sonship:

1. The orphan spirit sees God as a taskmaster and is motivated by performance to please Him.

2. Insecure and strive for approval. Serves to earn Father's love.

3. Competitive and jealous of the success of his brothers.

1. The spirit of sonship sees God as a loving Father and is motivated by love and gratitude to delight Him.

2. Rest secured in the grace of God knowing he is totally accepted.

3. Honours and rejoice with others, helps others to succeed whilst accepting his own portion.

Contrasts between the Orphan Spirit and the Spirit of Sonship:

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| 4. The orphan spirit is driven by the <u>need</u> for success. | 4. The Spirit leads the mature son into his <u>calling and mission</u> . |
| 5. The orphan spirit <u>uses</u> people as objects to fulfill goals. | 5. Mature sons <u>serve</u> people to bless the kingdom. |
| 6. The orphan spirit has <u>anger</u> and fits of rage. | 6. The spirit of sonship <u>rests</u> in the Father's ability to control and guide the future. |
| 7. The orphan spirit is always in <u>competition</u> with others. | 7. The spirit of sonship is always <u>blessing</u> others. |

Contrasts between the Orphan Spirit and the Spirit of Sonship:

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| 8. The orphan spirit lacks <u>self-esteem</u> . | 8. The spirit of sonship walks in the <u>love and acceptance</u> of Father-God. |
| 9. The orphan spirit receives its primary identity through <u>material possessions, physical appearance and activities</u> . | 9. The spirit of sonship is grounded in <u>sonship</u> and the Father's <u>affirmation</u> . |

Bottom Line - Come to the Father

1. **Return** to the Father [of Prodigal Sons] - Luke 15.
Window of Grace available before death or His coming.



**Do not let the evil one rob
you of your destiny!**

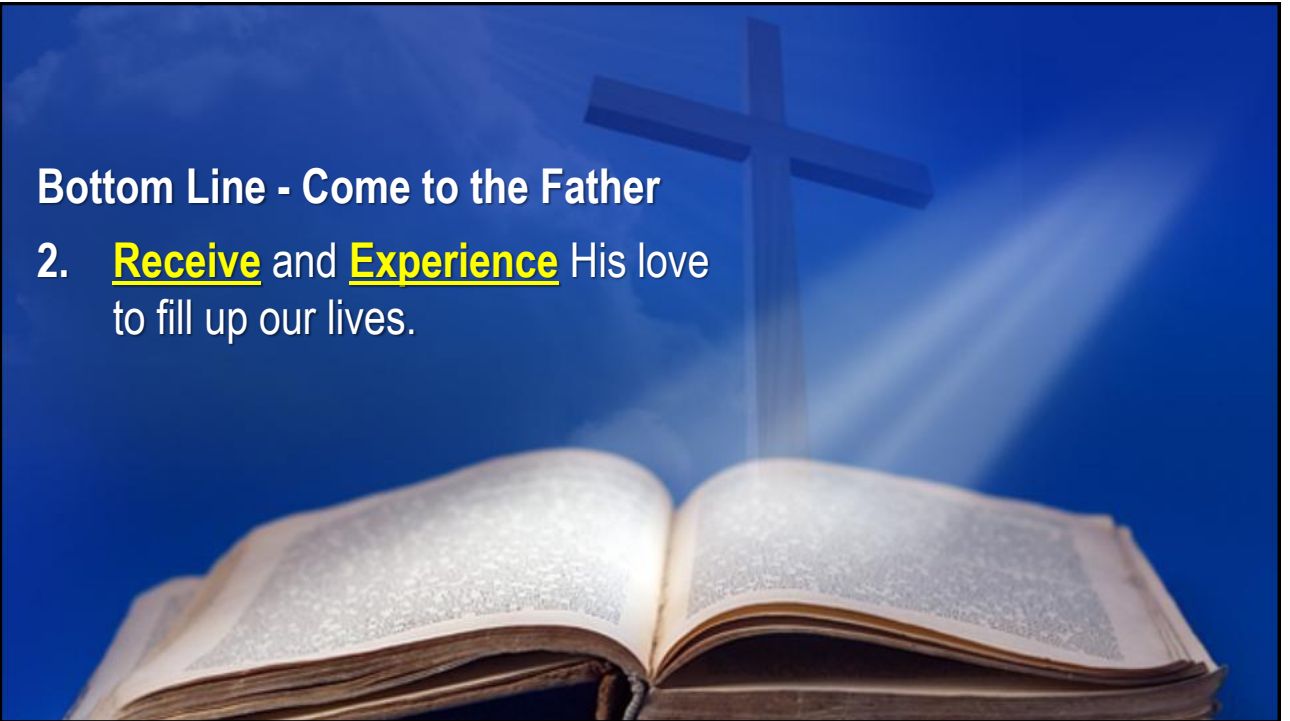
Younger Son - do not be distracted by
temporal pleasures of the world!

Older Son - all that the father has is yours!
Son-ship, not orphan spirit!



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2. **Receive** and **Experience** His love
to fill up our lives.



Ephesians 3:16-20

To Finish Well, continually:

- strengthen your spirit-man and spiritual capacity
- receive and experience Father's love to:
 - ✓ heal the hits and hurts
 - ✓ top up the voids, gaps, inadequacies and deficiencies
 - ✓ walk in the fullness of God in order to minister with His fullness
- build faith convictions that He answers exceedingly **MORE** ...