

1 SALVATION

What Happened When I Got Saved and what is My New Relationship to God?

I. There Are Only Two Spiritual Families in the World.

A. The devil's family.

1. **John 8:44** speaks of a group of people who are of there "father the devil." - **See also John 8:38.**
2. You enter this family by birth through your physical father, who is ultimately a descendant of Adam. **Genesis 5:3** shows that the descendants of Adam are born in Adam's image and likeness, which is that of a fallen sinner.
3. You inherited your sin nature from your father Adam. **Romans 5:12** states, "Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."
4. **Romans 5:12** also states that as a result of your sin you were sentenced to die.
 - a. **Romans 6:23a**: "The wages of sin is death..."
 - b. **I Corinthians 15:22**: "...In Adam all die..."

B. God's family.

1. **John 1:12-13** says, "But as many as received him (that is your decision to trust Jesus Christ as your Savior), to them gave he Power to become the sons of God (your entrance into God's family), even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man (it is not a physical birth), but of God." (It is a spiritual birth.)
2. You also enter God's family by birth; but it is a spiritual birth by your heavenly Father. **John 3:3** states, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."
3. This new birth puts you into God's family in exactly the same way your physical birth puts you into your father's family. You are now a son of God by birth.
4. As a result of your new birth, you have inherited God's divine nature, and you now have eternal life.
 - a. **John 6:47** "He that believeth on me hath (**present tense**) everlasting life."
 - b. **John 3:36** "He that believeth on the Son hath (**present tense**) everlasting life..."
 - c. **1 John 5:12** "He that hath the Son hath (**present tense**) life..."

II. What is My Relationship with God Now?

A. He is your heavenly Father, and you are his child. **I John 2:1** says, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

B. Now that you are saved, God no longer deals with you as a sinner. He deals with you as a son.

C. That relationship is pictured by the earthly relationship between a father and his son.

1. A good father loves and cares for his son. **I Peter 5:7**
2. A good father protects his son. **Matthew 18:6**
3. A good father provides for his son. **Philippians 4:19**
4. A good father guides and teaches his son. **John 14:26**
5. A good father helps his son. **Psalms 46:1**
6. A good father encourages his son. **Philippians 4:13**
7. A good father disciplines his son. **Hebrews 12:5-11**
8. A good father feeds his son. **Matthew 4:4**
9. A good father has a plan for his son. **Romans 8:28-29**

- D. A good father will never do anything to purposely hurt his son. He will only do those things which will help him grow and mature into the young man he wants him to be. Your heavenly Father operates in the same way, only His ways are perfect. Unlike earthly fathers who sometimes err, God never makes a mistake in His dealings with His sons. **Matthew 7:11** "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?"

III. You Did Not Lose Your Physical Nature at the Time of Your Spiritual Birth.

- A. That is obvious because you are still alive!
- B. You now have two natures.
1. Old nature -physical, sinful, in Adam's image.
 2. New nature-spiritual, perfect, in God's image.
- C. Both natures are present constantly. The one that will control you is the one you feed the most.
1. Colossians 3:5-10
 2. 2 Corinthians 4:14-18

V. Basic Questions

- A. Will I sin after I am saved? Yes, you still have your old sin nature. **Romans 7:25**
- B. How does my sin affect my relationship with my Father? God does not kick you out of His family. When you sin, He disciplines you as a son. Hebrews 12:5-11
- C. What should I do when I sin? Confess it and trust the blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse you. **I John 1: 6-10, Proverbs 28:13**