

Finding The Father

The Setup

- What we learn increases what we know.
- What we know determines how we think.
- How we think determines how we live.

A. Reasons for Thinking About the Father

- The need for a consistent view of the Trinity.
 - Father, Son and Spirit are co-equal.
 - To under-emphasize the Father is to over-emphasize the Son and/or the Spirit.
- The Father provides benefits to the Christian.
 - Hebrews 12:9 - Discipline
 - Romans 8:14 - Adoption
 - James 1:17 - Provision
 - 2 John 4 – Direction

B. Who He Is

- Romans 1:7 – The Father is God
 - Just as much as the other persons of the Trinity, but not more so.
- 1 Corinthians 8:5 – The Father is the source of all that is
- 1 Peter 1:3 – The Father regenerates us
- John 17:11 – The Father keeps us

C. Something to Take Home

- Mark 14:36 - We must submit to the strength and wisdom of the Father.
- Romans 8:15 - We must have no fear of the Father.
- Galatians 4:6 - We must be certain of our relationship to the Father.