



Ripples

A Christian Reflection ~ June, 2017



Abba!

Ok, you probably already know, but as you look at the title and before you start thinking one of your chaplains is starting to focus on a pop music group for his theology, let me take a minute to explain! The Aramaic word "Abba" found in the New Testament in several places, is translated, "Father" in English. In fact, those very places in the Bible that use Abba, always follow with the translation so there is no confusion. As we approach Father's Day, it is difficult for me not to think of the meaning behind this word as it is such a powerful concept for us as believers!

So in the Scriptures, we can see where one person of God is truly the "Father" in our relationship with Him. If you are like me, I contemplate the 'why'. I have to believe that our Lord wanted to show us that our God is not some distant being who created something marvelous, but now doesn't really care anymore, but that the most powerful being in the universe *DID* want a very personal relationship with His creation ... you and I. That indeed, we have a God who is our perfect Father in every sense of the word. He is our Creator ... He is our Sustainer ... He loves us dearly and is the one we can go to in our best of times, and cry out to Him in our very worst of times. We are not just a group of molecules in the midst of the vast universe, but someone God knows intimately as His own ... even an heir!

As we approach this Father's Day, I believe we need to look closely at who our Lord God is and all that He has done for us as our Heavenly Father. It is also something for all of us to strive for as we try to emulate Him as demonstrated through His Son Jesus Christ. May God truly bless each of you as we celebrate this very special holiday of Father's Day and also know that our God is our Heavenly Father as well.



Scripture of Reflection: *But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.*

Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God. —Galatians 4:5-7



CHRISTIAN RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES IN DISTRICT 13

Bible Studies & Fellowship Opportunities:

- Seattle Base – Breakfast Bible Study & Fellowship
 - Wednesdays, 0645-0745 @ Cutterman Dining Hall
 - For more info, contact Mr. Vic Primeaux, cmfvic@wavecable.com
- Seattle Base – Breakfast Bible Study & Fellowship
 - 2nd Friday of each Month, 0615-0720 @ Coho Room, Cutterman Dining Hall
 - For more info, contact Mr. Larry Simpson, ocfoutreach@comcast.net
- Seattle D13 / Jackson Federal Bldg – Noontime Bible Study & Fellowship
 - Wednesdays, 1200-1300 @ Rm 3408, Jackson Federal Bldg
 - For more info, contact Mr. Vic Primeaux, cmfvic@wavecable.com
- Everett NavSta – OCF Bible Study and Fellowship
 - 1st Wednesday of each Month, 1100-1200 @ Building 2028, Chapel Library
 - For more info, contact Mr. Larry Simpson, ocfoutreach@comcast.net
- Bangor (NBK) Chapel – Ladies Bible Study & Fellowship
 - Wednesdays, 1000-1130 @ Bangor Chapel Conference Room
 - For more info, contact Mrs. Bobbie Simpson, ocfoutreach@comcast.net
- Bremerton/Bangor Officer's Christian Fellowship (OCF)
 - Thursdays, 1800-2000 @ various host houses
 - For more info, contact Mr. Larry Simpson, ocfoutreach@comcast.net

Special Dates and Upcoming Events:

June 14: Flag Day

June 18: Father's Day

July 4: Independence Day

Shall We Pray!



Let us pray for the fathers of this great nation and around the world. That men, both young and old, will realize the incredible part they play in the lives of children and their formation, especially boys who need good role models to emulate and grow into godly men themselves. Help us all to love others as our Heavenly Father loves and cares for us.

Christian Resource of the Month:

Biblica - www.biblica.com Biblica is the new name for IBS-STL Global. IBS stands for International Bible Society, which has been translating and distributing the Bible for 200 years. STL stands for Send the Light, which in 50 years has grown to be the world's largest Christian distributor of Christian products. The two ministries merged in 2007 and were renamed Biblica in 2009 to better reflect their ministry and vision. Biblica is one of the largest Bible and Christian literature ministries in the world. It is the translation sponsor of the English-language New International Version (NIV) of the Bible, the most widely read contemporary English translation. They translate the Bible into world languages that have 1 million or more speakers and distribute the Bible and literature to people who might never learn about Christ any other way.