

# NAMES OF GOD

## “*ABBA*” - *Daddy, Father!!*

Romans 8:15-18, Galations 4:1-5, I John 3:1-2

The Name “*ABBA*” is directly related to the believer’s relationship to God the Father as His children. *Abba* speaks of the tender, loving care of a Father towards his children.

Romans 8:15 says ...”you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the spirit of adoption by which we cry out *ABBA, FATHER*”. What comforting words in times like these!! We do not have to fear abandonment, lack of protection or provision, loneliness, or even spiritual immaturity. The very concept of the adoption process means God has made a deliberate *choice* concerning us. So then, *Abba* means we have an attentive, generous Father who has *conferred* sonship upon us through belief in His only begotten son Jesus Christ.

The book of Galations 4:1-5 describes *Abba* as a “guardian” for a minor child. Roman fathers appointed guardians for their children until they were 25 years of age. At the age of 25, heirs were considered to have come of age (maturity). Until that time, children were considered to be subject to elementary religious teachings and to the law. Galations 4:4-5 states that when the fullness of (God’s chosen) time came, Jesus, the son of God, although born under that same law, came to redeem us from the *curse* of the law. When Christ died for our sins, He put us in the position to receive adoption from *ABBA* our *Daddy/Father!!!* 1 John 3:1 declares ...”Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons (or children) of God”.

Father God can only become *ABBA* through our belief on the Name of His son Jesus. John 1:12 says ...But as many as received Him (Jesus) the them gave He power (authority), to *become the sons (children) of God* – even to them who believe on His Name (*receive Jesus as Savior*)”.