

## HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

### The Teachings of Jesus – Part 1

#### Our loving heavenly Father

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. Today we are beginning a new series of studies entitled The Teachings of Jesus. Our topic today: The teaching of Jesus about our loving heavenly Father.

Scripture Theme Song: “Let the word of Christ” –  
Colossians 3:16

Intro: Jesus used the name Father to God more than 130 times, adding adjectives like heavenly Father, living Father, holy Father, righteous Father.

- 1) Our Father in heaven
  - a) Matthew 6:9
  - b) Not a new name for God
    - i) Isaiah 63:16; Isaiah 64:8
    - ii) Jeremiah 3:4,19
    - iii) Psalm 103:13
  - c) Matthew 7:9-11
  - d) What characteristic of God is Jesus affirming when He invites us to pray to our Father in heaven?
  - e) What does it mean to you personally to address God as your heavenly Father?
  - f) Is it ever appropriate to pray to God as “My Father” or should we always pray to “Our Father in heaven”?
- 2) The Son as a revelation of our Father in heaven
  - a) John 1:18; John 14:7-10
  - b) Jeremiah 9:23-24
  - c) Why is it so important that we discover a true picture of the character of God?
- 3) Our loving heavenly Father
  - a) John 3:16
  - b) 1 John 3:1
  - c) Jeremiah 31:3
  - d) John 16:27
  - e) Luke 15:11-32. What insights do you gain about our loving heavenly Father from this parable of Jesus?
- 4) Our Heavenly Father’s compassion care
  - a) Matthew 6:25-34
  - b) What other texts of Scripture confirm our heavenly Father’s compassion care for His creation?
    - i) For example: Psalm 147:3; Psalm 103:13-14
    - ii) Other texts?
  - c) Share a time in your life when you experienced our heavenly Father’s compassionate care.
- 5) The revelation of the Trinity in the ministry of Jesus
  - a) Luke 1:26-35
  - b) Luke 3:21-22
  - c) Luke 4:18
  - d) John 12:20-28
  - e) Matthew 28:18-20
  - f) John 14:15-17, 26
  - g) John 16:13-15
- 6) How can we grow in our appreciation for God as our loving heavenly Father?