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Ephesians 3:14, **“For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

We are living in a world of which not every man or woman knows their earthly birth father. Even a percentage of those who know who they are, do not really know them or at least, very much about them. Of my earthly father, I knew him very well, yet did not know all things about him.

In verse 14 of Ephesians 3, Paul says, **“I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”** Earlier, in Ephesians 1:17 He prayed to the God of the Lord Jesus Christ, but now to the Father. This is actually wonderfully consistent with the truth presented in the previous verses. The Church had already been brought into fellowship with Christ.

Through Christ we have been brought into fellowship with His Father, who is now our Father also. This precious truth is spoken of and enlarged upon by John in his epistle. Our Lord tells His children that after He had gone back to glory they were to ask the Father in His Name. John 16:26-27 says, **“At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.”** Then in verse 28 he says, **“I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.”** This language speaks to the theme that God is now our Father as He was the Father of Christ. What a beautiful distinction of kinship this is for all of God’s Children.

He told His disciples that whatsoever they should ask the Father in His name, He would give it to them. After His resurrection He sent the disciples a message by Mary Magdalene in John 20:17; **“Go to My brethren and say unto them, I ascend to My Father and your Father; to My God and your God.”** This was a grand and wondrously new revelation to them. After this time, they as well as we, can call God our Father. It is a grand blessing that is now ours through the marvelous work of Christ.

The modernistic idea of a universal Fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man is in likeness with a One World Order and is just another lie and deception of Satan. The Jews in John chapter 8 boasted that God was their Father, but Christ told them that was not the way it was. True, Malachi 2:10 says the following - **“Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us?”** However, this is speaking in the creative sense, not the Spiritual Relationship sense of how we can now address God as our Father.

May we be thankful for the peace it brings to our hearts when we can go unto our Father with our petitions and know that He hears our cry. Notice Matthew 6:8-10, **“... your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.”** **“Think About It!”**