



REN 105 - 3 credits

The Father Heart of God

Description:

This highly experiential course is designed to draw you into a closer relationship with your heavenly Father, in which you have not only a theological understanding of His deep love and affection for you, but you also *know* it because you have personally felt it. You will also learn how to help others overcome any hindrances in their lives that prevent them from experiencing the love of the Father for themselves. (Prerequisite: REN 103 Communion with God)

Texts:

The Importance of Forgiveness by John Arnott

The Home Coming by Jack Winter

The Father Heart of God by Floyd McClung

The Father Loves You by Ed Piorek

The Father's Blessing by John Arnott

"The Mother Heart of the Father" cassettes by Jack Frost

Objectives:

- You will quote the following verses:
 - ✓ Luke 6:37, 38
 - ✓ Matthew 6:14,15
 - ✓ Matthew 5:7
 - ✓ II Corinthians 6:18
 - ✓ John 16:26,27
 - ✓ Psalm 103:13
 - ✓ Isaiah 49:15,16
 - ✓ Jeremiah 31:3
 - ✓ Romans 5:5b
 - ✓ Romans 8:31,32, 38,39
 - ✓ Zephaniah 3:17

Requirements:

1. Prayerfully read *The Father Heart of God* by Floyd McClung, completing the related exercises found here in your Student Notebook.
2. Prayerfully read *The Father Loves You* by Ed Piorek, completing the related exercises found here in your Student Notebook.
3. Prayerfully read *The Importance of Forgiveness* by John Arnott, completing the related exercises found here in your Student Notebook.
4. Prayerfully read *The Home Coming* by Jack Frost. Write a paper summarizing what the Lord ministers to you through your reading of this book. This paper should be two to four pages in length, and is due in Lesson Six.
5. Prayerfully read *The Father's Blessing* by John Arnott. Write a paper summarizing what you learn from this book and how the Lord ministers to you through it. This paper should be a minimum of four pages in length, and is due in Lesson Twelve.
6. Earn at least a "B" on all tests.
7. Participate fully in the classroom ministry experiences. Write a paper summarizing both the Lord's ministry to you and what you learned about leading others into knowing by experiencing the Father heart of God. This paper should be a minimum of four pages in length and is due in the final lesson.
8. Listen to the cassettes "The Mother Heart of the Father" by Jack Frost, taking notes as you listen. File your notes here in the Student Notebook.

Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, “C” or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least “B” (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a “B”.

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, CLU is training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- “D”
 - Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
 - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- “C”
 - Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
 - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- “B”
 - Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
 - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- “A”
 - Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
 - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.



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Course Schedule

Lesson One

Assignment to be completed:

Prayerfully read the entire text *The Importance of Forgiveness* by John Arnott, completing the related exercises here in the Student Notebook.

Memorize Luke 6:37, 38, Matthew 6:14, 15, and Matthew 5:7. These passages should already be familiar to you, so this memorization should not be too difficult. If you want to challenge yourself and deepen your revelation of the truths of these passages, memorize them from a different translation than that in which you already know them.

Begin reading *The Home Coming* by Jack Winter, underlining and taking notes to help you prepare your paper on this text, which is due in Lesson Six.

Subjects to be explored:

The Importance of Forgiveness

Related objectives:

- You will quote Luke 6:37,38, Matthew 6:14,15, and Matthew 5:7.
- You will discuss the importance of forgiveness.
- You will draw upon the grace of the Lord to forgive everyone against whom you have anything.

Lesson Two

Assignment to be completed:

Prayerfully read Chapters 1 – 3 of *The Father Loves You* by Ed Piorek, completing the related exercises in the Student Notebook.

Memorize John 16:26,27.

Complete and correct Self-Test One.

Subjects to be explored:

The Search

Abba, Father

Related objectives:

- You will quote John 16:26,27.
- You will state a definition of *agape*, and give a Scripture reference describing God's *agape* love for us. (God's unconditional love – Romans 5:8)
- You will state a definition of *phileo*, and give a Scripture reference describing God's *phileo* love for us. (tender affection – John 16:26,27)
- You will experience both God's *agape* and His *phileo* love for you.
- You will discuss the theological significance of your adoption as a son of God.