The Gospel: Abba, Father

As we celebrate Father's Day it is a good time to contemplate the meaning of fatherhood. First, we must realize that fatherhood did not have its origin in humanity. Fatherhood was, and is, God's idea. We are made in the image of God, and for that reason, anything good found in humanity comes from God. A father is a good thing. Second, the more fathers develop a close relationship with God, the more likely there will exist a good reflection of God's image.

Our Heavenly Father desires to protect and to provide for his loved ones. One of the ways God's protection and provision can be seen is by the clear and safe boundaries he has put in place for all to live within. On this Father's Day we will take a close look at how God has given us both his protection and his provision in the good news of Jesus Christ.

"For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:15-17). God himself will give to anyone who says "Yes" to his plan a very Happy Father's Day – everyday.

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**Romans 8:15-17**

15 ADOPTION

 John 1:12-13

16 TESTIMONY

17 INHERITANCE

 ▪ Eternal life

 ▪ Freedom

 ▪ Family