



## The Denominational View Completely open -"Attend the church of your choice" -"All roads lead to heaven"



These Teachings Are...

In good faith – but ignorant

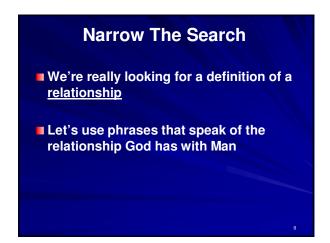
Refusal to study an opinion

Knowing propagation of false doctrine

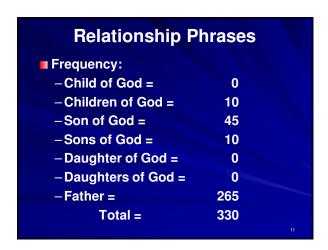
Is the Bible clear on the relationship between God and Man?



Biblical Descriptions		
■ Frequency:		
-child =	191	
-children =	1,753	
-son =	2,348	
-sons =	1,143	
-daughter =	310	
<pre>-daughters =</pre>	250	
-father =	949	
Total =	6,944	
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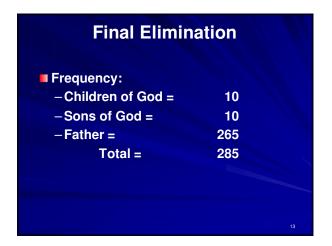


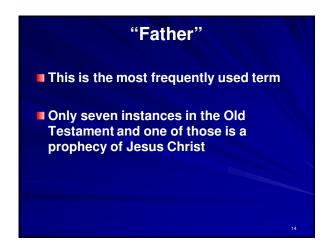




Final Elimination

"Son of God" is used only in the New Testament and refers to Jesus' relationship with God in 44 instances and Adam's relationship with God in the other one.







"Father"

The people of Israel are to call God
"Father"

Apparently understood and
accepted by them

Reference is made to the existence of
this relationship only between God
and the nation of Israel

Not to any other people (i.e. – Gentiles)

"Father"

The rest of the occurrences (258) are in the New Testament with 184 of them before the establishment of the church in Acts 2

Matthew 18:10-14

Jesus said that He was sent to preach to the "house of Israel" only

Matthew 10:5-7

Matthew 15:22-28

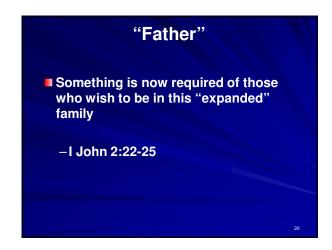
"Father"

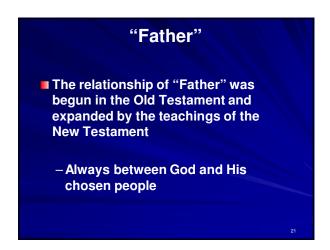
Jesus brought the message of the father/child relationship to the household of Israel but they didn't understand

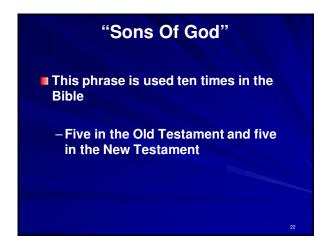
John 8:41-44

John 5:17:18











"Sons Of God"

One of the New Testament references is to a heavenly being

- Luke 20:34-36

### "Sons Of God" "Led by the Spirit of God" - Galatians 3:21-29 All New Testament usages refer to people who have chosen to place themselves in a special relationship with God



# "Children Of God" Romans 9:1-8 -Those who had been able to call God "Father" now could not -Those who had not been able to call God "Father" now could Romans 9:25-26

# Putting It All Together Who could call God "Father"? In the Old Testament – the household of Israel Through Acts 2 – still the household of Israel After Acts 2 – those who are "called" (Ephesians 4:4), have "confessed" (I John 2:23), and who "abide" (I John 2:24)

#### Putting It All Together "Sons of God" used only in the New Testament (for our purposes) -"Led by the Spirit of God" (Romans 8:14) - Have "faith in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:26) -"Baptized into Christ" (Galatians 3:27)



#### Putting It All Together John 1:9-17 - "to them gave he the right to become children of God" (verse 12)

# Putting It All Together The household of Israel was given the right to maintain their relationship with God John 15:1-6 They rejected it

## Putting It All Together Those who were not previously children of God were given the opportunity to become so Romans 11:11-24

# Putting It All Together All children of God are adopted, none are "natural" children Galatians 4:3-9 Ephesians 1:3-5 Romans 9:3-5

### Conclusion The qualifications required to become a child of God are the same as those required to become a Christian -"Led by the Spirit of God", "faith in Christ Jesus", "baptized into Christ", "called", "confessed", "abide"

"What Must I Do To Be Saved?"

Hear the Word of God
Romans 10:8

Believe in that Word
Romans 10:11

Repent of your sins
Acts 3:19

Confess that Jesus is the Son of God
I John 4:15

Be immersed in water (baptized)
Acts 2:38