

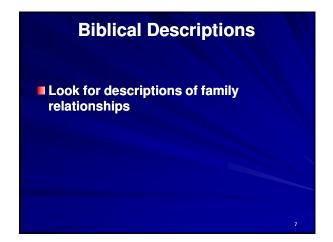
Children Of God There are so many contradictory teachings Just who is a child of God?

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

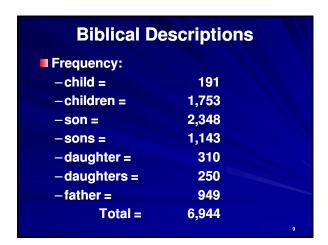


These Teachings Are... In good faith – but ignorant Refusal to study an opinion Knowing propagation of false doctrine

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







Narrow The Search

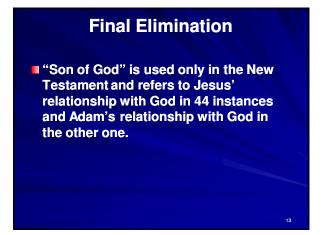
We're really looking for a definition of a relationship

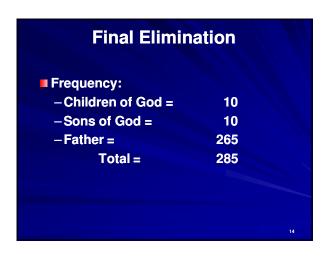
Let's use phrases that speak of the relationship God has with Man

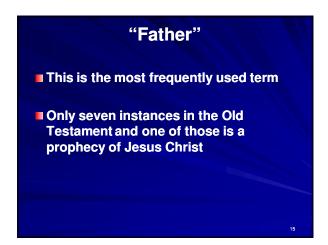
Relationship Phrases

Child of God
Children of God
Son of God
Sons of God
Daughter of God
Daughters of God
Father (with a capital "F")

Relationship Phrases ■ Frequency: -Child of God = 0 -Children of God = 10 -Son of God = 45 -Sons of God = 10 - Daughter of God = 0 - Daughters of God = 0 -Father = 265 Total = 330

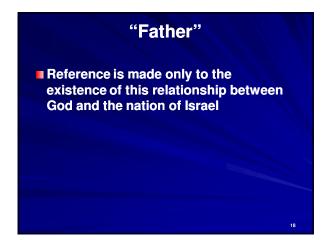


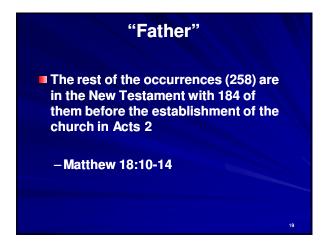


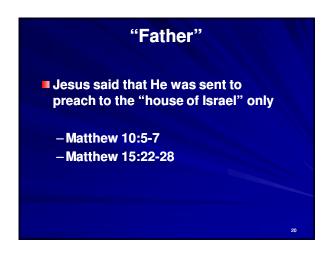


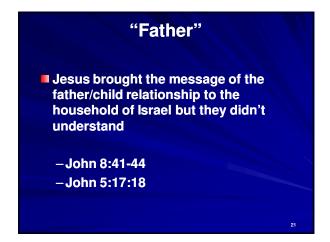




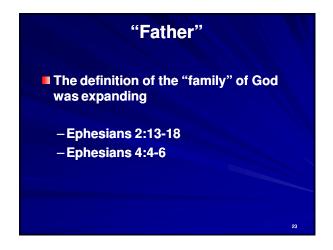


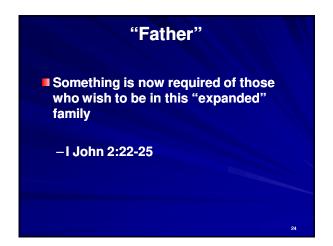












"Father" The relationship of "Father" was begun in the Old Testament and expanded by the teachings of the New Testament Always between God and His chosen people











"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

- 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