

**WHAT DO BAPTIST BELIEVE?**  
*A Study of the Baptist Faith and Message*

**GOD THE FATHER (3)**

**What do Baptist believe about God the Father?**

- 1. God the Father demands our loyalty (Matt. 22:34-40; Ex. 20:1-7; Deut. 5:1-22).**
- 2. God the Father provides providential care over His universe and His creatures.**
  - a. Definition: Providence is God the Father's care for and guidance of His creation against all opposition (Psalm 103:13).**
  - b. God the Father's providence is seen in His care and protection (Genesis 37-50; 50:15-21; Jonah; Exodus).**
  - c. God the Father's providence is seen in His provision (1 Kings 17:2-7; Matthew 6:11, 25-34; Philippians 4:19; John 6:1-14).**
  - d. God the Father's providence is seen in the moral structure of the universe (Deut. 30:19-20; Gal. 6:7-8).**
- 3. God the Father provides saving grace to all who become His children through faith in Jesus Christ (John 1:12-14; 3:16-17, 36; Romans 8:15; Gal. 4:5; Eph. 2:8-9), and provides common grace to all mankind (Gen. 39:5; Ps. 145:9, 15-16; Matt. 5:44-45; Luke 6:35-36; Acts 14:16-17).**
- 4. God the Father is all powerful, all knowing, all loving, and all wise.**
  - a. God the Father is all-powerful (Gen. 17:1; Jer. 32:17; Dan. 4:35; Rev. 19:6).**
  - b. God the Father is all-knowing (Rom. 11:33; Ps. 50:11; Ps. 139:1-4; Jer. 29:11).**
  - c. God the Father is all-loving (1 John 4:8; Ps. 33:5; 86:15; Rom. 5:8; John 3:16).**
  - d. God the Father is all-wise (Job 21:22; Rom. 11:34).**
- 5. God the Father is father to all men (Eph. 4:6), but is the Spiritual Father only to believers (Rom. 8:14; 2 Cor. 6:18).**
- 6. God the Father disciplines His children (Heb. 12:5-9).**
- 7. God the Father is neither author nor approver of sin (James 1:14; 1 John 2:16).  
"The Bible makes clear that God is not the cause of sin" (Grudem, 424).**

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