

MY FATHER IS GOD | GOD IS MY FATHER

- **EVEN OUR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING WHO YOUR FATHER IS AND CULTIVATING A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.**

Legal Establishment of Paternity

- There are two ways ~~states can~~ [to] establish paternity legally: Voluntary acknowledgment by the ~~parent~~ [Father], or ~~State~~ [biblically] established legal processes, ~~which often include genetic testing.~~

[<http://www.ncsl.org/research/human-services/enforcement-establishing-paternity.aspx>]

Legal Significance of Paternity

- Paternity is the ~~legal~~ [biblical] establishment of the identity of a child's father.

[<http://family.findlaw.com/paternity/legal-significance-of-paternity.html>]

What are the benefits of establishing paternity?

- In addition to providing a basis for child support, paternity establishment can provide basic emotional, social, and economic ties between a father and his child. There are strong indications that children whose fathers take active roles in their upbringing lead more successful lives.
- Once paternity is established legally, a child gains legal rights and privileges. Among these may be rights to inheritance, ~~rights to the father's medical and life insurance benefits, and rights to social security and possibly veterans' benefits.~~ The child also has a chance to develop a relationship with the father, and to develop a sense of identity and connection to the “other half” of his or her family.

[<https://publications.usa.gov/epublications/children/paternity.htm>]

ILLINOIS—Establish Paternity:

- Establishing paternity is the critical first step in collecting child support. When legal paternity is established, a child has the right to the father's ~~Social Security or veteran's benefits, medical coverage, pensions and inheritance.~~

[<https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/ChildSupport/parents/Pages/Paternity.aspx>]

Adoption Classes

Faith Fellowship Church in Tennessee, Illinois

1. Learn who you are “in Christ.”
2. Learn to live in your freedom “in Christ.”
3. Learn about your inheritance.
4. Get to know your Father personally.
5. Understand better your position of sonship.
6. Value your place in the family of God.
7. The Bible will be our text.

- (Romans 8:15 ESV) For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

- (Galatians 4:5 ESV) To redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

- (Ephesians 1:5 ESV) He predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will.