EVERLASTING FATHER

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, <u>Everlasting Father</u>, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

How Can Jesus be the Son of God and also be the Father?

"I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

John 10:28-30 (NIV)

1. Jesus was with the Father from the <u>BEGINNING</u>

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning."

John 1:1-2 (NIV)

2. Jesus was with the Father at the <u>CREATION</u>

"Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made." John 1:3 (NIV)

3. Jesus will be with the Father at the <u>NEW BEGINNING</u>

"Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.'"

Revelation 1:7-8 (NIV)

Jesus the Messiah as Father

"Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"?" John 14:9 (NIV)

1. Jesus the Messiah reveals God's FATHERLY CHARACTER

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin." Hebrews 4:15 (NIV) 2. Jesus reveals the <u>PERFECT HEART</u> of the Father

"See how very much our heavenly Father loves us, for he allows us to be called his children, and we really are!...Yes, dear friends, we are already God's children, and we can't even imagine what we will be like when Christ returns. But we do know that when He comes we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He really is."

1 John 3:1-3

3. Jesus reveals to us the <u>UNCONDITIONAL LOVE</u> of the Father

"Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:39 (NIV)

- Jesus the Messiah as Everlasting Father
 - 1. As Everlasting Father Jesus will always LOVE US

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

John 15:12-13 (NIV)

2. As Everlasting Father Jesus will always <u>LEAD US</u>

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me-- just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep."

John 10:14-15 (NIV)

3. As Everlasting Father Jesus will always <u>LET US LIVE</u> with Him

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

John 14:1-3