

The *Holy Life* Bible Study Series

MEETING **GOD**  
THE FATHER

FRANK MOORE



THE FOUNDRY  
PUBLISHING\*

Copyright © 2021 by Frank Moore

The Foundry Publishing®  
PO Box 419527  
Kansas City, MO 64141  
thefoundrypublishing.com

978-0-8341-4027-1

Printed in the  
United States of America

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any means—for example, electronic, photocopy, recording—without the prior written permission of the publisher. The only exception is brief quotations in printed reviews.

Cover design: Rob Monacelli  
Interior design: Sharon Page

All Scripture quotations, unless indicated, are taken from THE HOLY BIBLE, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION®, NIV® Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.® Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.

The internet addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers in this book are accurate at the time of publication. They are provided as a resource. The Foundry Publishing does not endorse them or vouch for their content or permanence.

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

# CONTENTS

---

1	Welcome to God's Invitation	5
2	Meeting God	14
3	The Way We Were	25
4	Created to Be Holy	36
5	Choosing Not to Follow Directions	44
6	We Need a Savior	54



# WELCOME TO GOD'S INVITATION

## COLOSSIANS 1:9–22

---

### GROUP ACTIVITY

If you are using this book as part of a group Bible study, take a few minutes to go around the room and have each participant tell something about himself or herself. If participants do not already know each other, have them share a fact that gives insight into their personality or interests. If they already know each other pretty well, have them share something personal that is not widely known. This will foster better discussion later.

Children generate excitement with their reactions of wonder and amazement. Isn't it exciting to see a child's face light up the first time he or she plays with a puppy dog or blows a big bubble with bubble gum or jumps into the deep end of a swimming pool?

How about a young teenager's excitement the first time he or she rides the biggest, worst roller coaster in the state?

And, what about an older teen's thrill at taking the family car out for the first time?

That search for wonder and amazement carries over into adulthood as grown-ups explore our big world. God created the world with enough complexity and mystery to hold our attention for a lifetime. The more we explore, the more we realize God has more for us to explore.

It appears that God hardwired us with curiosity and a hunger to explore. His purpose isn't just so we will learn more about nature and the vast universe he created. He sends us on adventures of exploration so we will find him! All paths of exploration ultimately lead to God. We'll talk more about that throughout this study.

I had my own share of childhood adventures. I grew up on a farm with a sister and two brothers. We didn't have close neighbors with children our age—we barely had neighbors. So, we played with each other. We did not have the full range of toys that youngsters have today, so we created our own games and pastimes with the objects we found around the farm. Bikes, boards, and ropes took on new possibilities in our hands. We all had pretty active imaginations, which kept us exploring in the woods and fields. We also liked to take things apart to see how they worked. More than once our mother scolded us for disassembling our toys to analyze the secret of their operation. One thing remained certain—we were never bored!

My childhood memories remind me of our natural inclination for exploration. Some folks, like me, carry a natural curiosity into every day. God made us this way. I'm glad he did. Such curiosity ultimately heads us in his direction.

---

## PERSONAL REFLECTION

Think about your own childhood.

1. What were some of your childhood adventures?

2. What things feed your curiosity?

3. Where did your early explorations in life take you?

This book offers you a journey of exploration. We will use our curiosity to take biblical stories and concepts apart so we can understand them better. We will use a road map to explore an amazing journey with God as he works with each of us through the highs and lows of life. God's experience with parenting us is nothing short of an adventure—both for him and us! By studying the adventure story of Bible characters on their journeys with God, we will gain new insights into God's character and his dealings with us today. By dissecting and exploring Scripture, we will discover new facets of God's hopes and dreams for our lives.







6. God wants to strengthen us with his power (11).
7. God wants to give us endurance and patience (11).
8. We should give thanks to God for all he does to make us saints in his kingdom (12).
9. We have been rescued from darkness and brought into spiritual light (13).
10. Christ brings us redemption through the forgiveness of our sins (14).
11. Christ created everything in reality; everything we see in our world points to him (16).
12. Christ is the best picture we have of our heavenly Father (15–19).
13. Our redemption comes through Christ's blood, which was shed on the Cross (20).
14. We were once alienated from God because of our sins (21).
15. One of God's purposes of working with us is to make us holy (22).

---

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What catches your eye in Col. 1:9–22?



This Bible study will provide you with new insights about Scripture, yourself, and God's plan for your life. It will stretch you, take you outside of your comfort zone at times, and force you to think in new ways about spiritual matters. This study may occasionally give you the feeling of jumping from an airplane, hopefully with a well-packed parachute. Your mind will free-fall through many new ideas as you discover new insights regarding God's incredible plan of salvation. You are certainly going to feel the puzzle of unanswered questions from time to time. And occasionally you'll feel like a three-year-old asking "Why?" at every turn of the page.

Questioning and discovery are good because you are on an adventure with God. He planted an inquisitive mind in you. He loves it when you let your spiritual imagination take you into unexplored territory to discover new insights about yourself, your salvation, and your God.

So, welcome to the journey! It will be exciting, and we'll have some fun along the way. Just pretend with me for a while that you are a kid again. Read the Bible and study it with your friends as if you are reading it for the very first time. Be amazed at all God says to you and at his incredible plan of salvation for you.

---

## GROUP ACTIVITY

Close your time together with a prayer that God will bless your efforts and thrill your hearts over and over again with knowledge and understanding of his Word and its applica-

tion to your lives. Ask him to help you make the most of this study in your adventure with him.

---

## FURTHER QUESTIONS

At the end of the session, encourage class participants to place any unanswered questions on a note card, along with this session number. They should then place their cards in a box provided by the Bible study leader. Attention will be given to these questions in the last session of this study.