

January 7

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: Do I recognize that God watches over me as a loving Father? Do I see myself as God sees me, as His child and the object of His love? Am I seeking to constantly rejoice in the Lord? Am I laying aside things that rob me of my joy in the Lord?

1 **God is the Father of all** — *Ephesians 4:6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

In what different ways is my relationship to God described in this verse?

What elements of my relationship to my heavenly Father can I thank Him for?

2 **I am a child of God and clothed with Christ** — *Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*

In what ways does my life demonstrate Christlike behavior every day?

How does the devil gain if I focus on pleasing men and earthly relationships?

3 **I am to rejoice in the Lord as one of God's children** — *Psalms 149:2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.*

What things in my relationship to the Lord have given me joy in the past?

What keeps me from rejoicing in the relationship that I have with Lord?

Spirit of Glory, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: Matthew 6:1-18

Evening: Genesis 18, 19