

Ephesians 3:15—from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,

“Every family in heaven and on earth derives its name” from the Father (Ephesians 3:14-15), *“from whom are all things”* (1Corinthians 8:6). Scripture confirms that two orders of intelligent beings exist—angelic and human. The angelic order contains three classes: (1) cherubim (2) seraphim (3) angels. The human order consists of classes such as Jew and Gentile. But be it the angelic or human realm, every family derived its name from the Father. The Jews were named the Jews (Israel), the Gentiles the Gentiles, the cherubim the cherubim, etc., each name originating with the Father. However, the fact that everything in the human realm is the *“offspring”* of God (Acts 17:28-29) does not communicate that all mankind is saved/justified (John 3:16). To become a child of God requires repentance and faith while depraved (Romans 5:1; 2Timothy 2:25; Acts 11:18), so Paul is not (by any stretch of the imagination) teaching universal salvation. The lost have Satan as their *“father”* (John 8:44).

The heavenly Father, Who created all things through the Son, lived inside the believers at Ephesus (John 14:23; Ephesians 2:22). Thus, limitless power was accessible even in their disheartened state (Ephesians 3:13). Paul asks the omnipotent (all powerful) Father, Who lived inside them, to provide strength—as verified by verse 16.