

Children of God Through Faith In Christ Jesus

Galatians 3:15-29

Key Verse: 3:26-27

“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith...”

THE SUPERIORITY OF THE PROMISE AND THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW (3:15-25)

1. What is the nature of a human covenant? (3:15) What were God’s promises to Abraham, and how were they fulfilled in Christ? (3:16; 3:8; Ge 22:18) When was the law introduced, and why did it not do away with God’s promise? (3:17) On what basis did God give his promised inheritance to Abraham? (3:18)
2. For what purpose did God add the law? (3:19a; Ro 7:7, 13) Why did God have to give his law to his sinful people through angels and a mediator? (3:19b-20; Ex 19:21-22) What did Paul say about the relationship between the law and God’s promise? (3:21a) What is the law’s limitation? (3:21b)
3. What does it mean that “Scripture has locked up everything under the control of sin”? (3:22a; Ro 3:10-20) Who alone receives what was promised? (3:22b) What was our situation before faith in Christ was revealed to us? (3:23) What is the ultimate purpose of the law? (3:24) In Christ, what is our new relationship to the law? (3:25)

WE ARE ALL CHILDREN OF GOD THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST (3:26-29)

4. Read 3:26--27. What is our new identity in Christ Jesus? Why is this so amazing and graceful? (1 Jn 3:1; 1 Pe 2:10) How does this happen to us? (3:27) What is the spiritual meaning of “baptized into Christ”? (Ro 6:3-5) What does it mean to be “clothed with Christ”? (Ro 13:13-14; Eph 4:22-24) What does it mean to you to be a child of God?
5. In Christ, what is our new relationship with other believers, regardless of human distinctions? (3:28) How can we accept all kinds of people into our community, and why should we? (Ro 15:7; Rev 7:9) How did Paul emphasize the new status of those who belong to Christ, Jew or Gentile? (3:29)