

Children of God

Galatians 3: 23-29

²³ Before the coming of this faith we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Questions

- 1) Why was Being under the Old Testament Law like being locked up? What does Paul mean by this metaphor?
- 2) How has the New system under Jesus freed them? In what practical ways is life better under Jesus grace?
- 3) What does it mean "the law was our guardian"? V24-25.
- 4) V26 how does this idea differ from other world religions and their relationship towards God?
- 5) How does being 'children' of God effect the relationship between us and him?
- 6) How does being Family effect the way we should relate to each other?
- 7) V27 what is it to be clothed in Christ? What does this metaphor of putting on a 'cloak' of God mean for us in real life.
- 8) V28 Why is this a radical image for what the church should be?
- 9) How does this image of the church in V28 stand in contrast to the ways of the world?
- 10) How is following Christ a continuation of the promise given to Abraham?
- 11) How does this passage shape how we do Church?