

GALATIANS 3:26-4:7, NLT

²⁶For you are all children [“sons”] of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children [“sons”] of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God’s promise to Abraham belongs to you.

^{4:1}Think of it this way. If a father dies and leaves an inheritance for his young children, those children are not much better off than slaves until they grow up, even though they actually own everything their father had. ²They have to obey their guardians until they reach whatever age their father set. ³And that’s the way it was with us before Christ came. We were like children; we were slaves to the basic spiritual principles of this world.

⁴But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. ⁵God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children [“sons”]. ⁶And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, “Abba, Father.” ⁷Now you are no longer a slave but God’s own child [“son”]. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.

PAUL’S THESIS: Acceptance with God and the continuance of a relationship with Him are...

1 – Based on GRACE

2 – Through FAITH

3 – For people of ALL KINDS

4 – Apart from the LAW

“Yet we know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ, not by obeying the law.” GALATIANS 2:16

1 – Through faith we are united with CHRIST

“Yes, Adam’s one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ’s one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone.” ROMANS 5:18

2 – Through faith we are united with ONE ANOTHER in Christ

“For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.” EPHESIANS 4:4-6

- There is **RACIAL** equality (“**JEW OR GENTILE**”)
- There is **CLASS/RANK** equality (“**SLAVE OR FREE**”)
- There is **GENDER** equality (“**MALE AND FEMALE**”)

3 – Through faith in Jesus Christ we are SONS and DAUGHTERS of God

- **We receive our new IDENTITY**

“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

- **We discover a depth of INTIMACY**

“So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, ‘Abba, Father.’”

ROMANS 8:15

- **We accept our full INHERITANCE**

“See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!” 1 JOHN 3:1

→ As **CHOSEN, ADOPTED, HEIRS** with all the same rights and privileges as a naturally born son

“Now you are no longer a slave but God’s own child [“son”]. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.”

GALATIANS 3:7