

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: Reaching out to leaders who can change the world.

Jesus + _____ = Salvation?

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Lesson #9 - Galatians – SONS OF GOD

INTRODUCTION

What would be the value of growing up in a multi-ethnic community?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

Read Gal 3:26 – 4:7

Note: We are called “sons” rather than children because in the context of the day, it was still a patriarchal society and definite advantages prevailed for male children. Sons were granted a unique position of honor not available to daughters. God is the Father of all men creatively (Acts 17:24-28) he is not the Father of all men redemptively (Jn 14:6).

1. What was the family status of the Galatian believers? V. 26 Rom 8:14
2. How are Christians joined in Christ? 1 John 3:10
3. What does it mean to be clothed with Christ? V. 27; 1 Cor 12:13; Rom 13:14
4. What effect does being in Christ have on relationships among believers? V. 28
5. How were the Galatians heirs of the promise to Abraham? V. 29; Luk 3:8

Note: An heir is someone who inherits something or is entitled to something in the future.

6. If you were a Jew, how would you feel about the Galatians' new relationship?
7. How are those that live under the law immature? Vv 1-2
8. Before the Galatians became Christians, how were they like slaves? V 3
9. How did the coming of Christ perfectly satisfy the requirements of the Law? Mt 5:17-18
10. What are some benefits of becoming a believer and part of God's family? Some drawbacks?
11. Whom did God send to confirm each believer's inheritance? V. 6 How does God do this today? John 14:6
12. How are believers moved to address God? How is that different from historical Judaism? V 6
13. How can we give God the honor, reverence and respect that He deserves and at the same time call Him “Abba” (Daddy)?
14. Since Galatians are no longer slaves, what had they become? What are the expectations of someone in this category?
15. In what ways do Christians discriminate or value some types of Christians over others?

APPLICATION

- How can you develop the proper perspective and relationship with God?
- What steps can you take to go beyond your cultural boundaries to befriend Christians who are different from you?

A television documentary described the commitment of the Zionist element in Israel. The film showed thousands of Jews returning to their ancestral land. They came from all over the world—speaking different languages, wearing different clothes, eating different food. Acknowledging these differences, one Jewish man explained, “What we have in common is so much more important than what separates us.” What a lesson for those who wear Christ's name? Divided by opinions, traditions, and culture, we likewise have something more in common: we belong to Jesus!