

CHILDREN OF GOD – GALATIANS 3:26-4:7

SERIES: GOD'S WONDROUS GRACE - A STUDY IN GALATIANS

²⁶ For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith. **Galatians 3:26 (AMP)**

1. THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW

²³ But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. ²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. **Galatians 3:23-26 (NASB)**

2. THE _____ CANNOT DO WHAT THE _____ CAN DO

²⁷ For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise. **Galatians 3:27-29 (NASB)**

A. THE LAW COULD NEVER _____ THE GUILTY SINNER.

³ For what does the Scripture say? "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS." ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. ⁵ But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness, **Romans 4:3-5 (NASB)**

B. THE LAW COULD NEVER GIVE _____ WITH GOD.

²⁷ For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **Galatians 3:27-28 (NASB)**

C. THE LAW COULD NEVER MAKE US _____ OF GOD.

¹⁶ Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ.... ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise. **Galatians 3:16, 29 (NASB)**

3. CHRISTIANS ARE ADOPTED _____ OF GOD

A. WHAT WE WERE: CHILDREN IN _____.

¹ Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father. ³ So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world. **Galatians 4:1-3 (NASB)**

¹ God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, ² in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. ³ And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, **Hebrews 1:1-3 (NASB)**

B. WHAT GOD _____: REDEEMED US.

⁴ But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, ⁵ so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. **Galatians 4:4-5 (NASB)**

C. WHAT WE ARE: SONS AND HEIRS.

⁶ Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God. **Galatians 4:6-7 (NASB)**

¹⁵ For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. **Romans 8:15-17 (NASB)**

²³ And even we Christians, although we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, also groan to be released from pain and suffering. We, too, wait anxiously for that day when God will give us our full rights as his children, including the new bodies he has promised us—bodies that will never be sick again and will never die. **Romans 8:23 (TLB)**