

COUNTER CULTURAL

Sons of God — Galatians 3:25-29
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...for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.
- Galatians 3:26

I. NOW THAT FAITH HAS COME

- We no longer need the law to be our guardian because we are now sons, not slaves (Matt. 11:12-14; John 15:15; Rom. 3:20-21, 28; Gal. 3:24).
- We are saved by faith, not the law, and not by obeying laws (Rom. 3:28; Eph. 2:8-9).
- Those who have been baptized into the faith have also clothed themselves with Christ (Rom. 13:11-14).

II. ONE IN CHRIST JESUS

- If we are truly Christ-followers, then we must see with clear eyes when it comes to gender, ethnicity, and race (1 Cor. 12:12-13; Col. 3:11).
- God makes no salvific distinctions based on these categories. He gives his Spirit freely to those who by faith trust in him (Acts 15:7-11).
- We are, collectively, Abraham's offspring and the "one flock" of Christ (Gen. 17:5; John 10:11-17; Rom. 4:16-17).
- Although worship is wonderful at LifePoint, heaven will look differently (Rev. 5:9; 7:9-10; 14:6).

KNOW: We must live in the church as one people and one body, and not allow race, ethnicity or gender to divide us.

DO: Clothe yourself in Christ, and walk in peace with others.

Suggested Reading:

Generous Justice by Tim Keller

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read Galatians 3:25-29

1. According to Paul in our passage for Sunday, what was the purpose of the law?
2. Why is the law no longer necessary for those who are in Christ?
3. What is the significance of the fact that we are all, men and women, "sons" of God? Why not just say we are "children" of God?
4. Paul is clear that there are no racial, ethnic, or gender distinctions for God when it comes to our salvation. But are there still differences between people? Does this mean we accept all people into the body regardless of behavior?
5. What are some ways that we can overcome our prejudices in the body of Christ?
6. What challenged you or stood out in our message from Sunday?