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Topic: Studies in Galatians: Children By Faith
Text: Galatians 3:26-29

1. We were born children of wrath and disobedience by birth (Eph 2:2-3). Still, Christians are children of God by faith (Gal 3:26). To become a child of God by faith, one needs to know who God is, why we need to be saved and that Jesus is our only Saviour, and secondly, to believe and trust in God wholeheartedly. What is the significance of being children of God?

2. True children of God will be like Christ (Gal 3:27). They will be baptised with the Spirit and be identified with Christ. Hence, they “put on” the garment of Christlikeness and not the garment of disobedience.

3. Children of God are united in the truth (Gal 3:28). There is no distinction between persons, whether Greek or Jew. All who are children of God by faith are part of the same family of God. Hence, children of God must put off sinful distinctions amongst themselves and earnestly contend for the faith together.

4. Children of God will receive a heavenly inheritance (Gal 3:29). It is an inheritance that the world cannot take away because it is what our heavenly Father promised He would give us. Abraham received the many promises of God by faith. Hence, by faith, we do not need to worry about the inheritance we will receive in this world because we can look forward to the heavenly inheritance in the New Heaven and the New Earth.