

Galatians 4:1-31

Adopted by God as Sons and Daughters

Are you saved because you read the Bible? Are you saved because you go to church? Are you saved because you believe in God? Are you saved because you do good things? Are you saved because you were raised in a Christian home?

We are saved when we believe that Jesus is our Savior and we ask Him to forgive us of our sins and take control of our lives!

When you have faith in Jesus and ask Him to be your Lord and Savior, you become a child of God!!!!

This means that you are saved, adopted, and heir to the throne of the King, and you are promised peace, protection, perfection, and provision of the King forever. HEAVEN WITH THE PERFECT LOVING KING!

THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS YOU ARE A SON OR DAUGHTER OF GOD!!!! THAT IS YOUR FAMILY!

Ephesians 2:18-22 For through him [Jesus] we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Philippians 3:20-21 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Vs 3:26-29 If you are in Christ, you are a son or daughter of the Almighty God!

How does being a son or daughter of God make you feel?

If you consider yourself a son or daughter of God, what does that mean to you?

If you are a son or daughter of God what should you do?

If you are a son or daughter of God, what should you not do?

How does your view of different cultures, or different parts of America, or different political parties impact you if you are part of the same family of God?

Vs 1-7 Everyone is equal and the same if we are saved and are in God's family.

When we are unsaved or childish in regards to our faith, the world tosses us around.

When we mature in Christ we realize that He is in control, and we know we will go to heaven; this allows us to act differently than those who do not know Jesus.

In what area(s) are you getting tossed around by the world? In what area do you need to be more faithful in, or trusting of God?

Gather ~ Praise ~ Pray ~ Grow ~ Serve

God knew you would be sinful; God wants you to be part of His family; God sent a Savior. Through faith in Jesus, He adopts you. He loves you and wants you. He will take care of you!

If you don't know Jesus, you are a slave!

1. Slave to sin
2. Slave to the world
3. Slave to death
4. Slave to satan
5. Slave to self

If you know Jesus you are an adopted child of God!

1. Free from sin
2. Free from the chains of fears of this world
3. Free from physical death and eternal death
4. Free in a safe earthy church family and safe for eternity in God's family
5. Adopted by the perfect Father who loves you and will always care perfectly for you

ARE YOU A CHILD OF GOD?!

IF YOU ARE, ARE YOU LIVING IN THAT FREEDOM, LOVE AND SALVATION?

Vs 8-11 Why turn back to rituals, or the law, or works when you do not need to because you have Jesus.

Vs 12-20 Paul had something happen physically. This stopped him. The Galatians helped him and he helped them.

Sometimes when we speak loving truth, people see us as an enemy. This does not mean that we should not speak loving truth.

Paul loves these people who have returned to circumcision and are forcing others to be circumcised.

Paul is in pain when people are lost or when people are not living in a way that God wants them to live.

Do you suffer in your heart when others don't know Jesus? Do you suffer when people that know Jesus are in sin?

Vs 21-31 All of those who believe and trust in Christ belong to a healthy Jerusalem.

All those that do not believe and trust in Christ are enslaved to works and death.

Isaac was a miracle from God. Jesus is a miracle from God. We as Christians are miracles of God.

Hagar and Ishmael represent the flesh and works. Sarah and Isaac represent a miracle and a people that are free in the Spirit.

1 John 3:1-3 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.