

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

OUR NEW STATUS IN CHRIST
Galatians 3:26-4:11

Main Thought: Because of the Gospel, we have a new status in Christ.

1. WE HAVE BECOME _____ OF GOD'S _____ . (v 26)

2. WE HAVE BECOME _____ WITH _____ AND _____ . (vv 27-28)

3. WE HAVE BECOME _____ OF A _____ . (vv 3:29-4:5)

4. WE HAVE _____ THE HOLY SPIRIT. (4:6a)

5. WE CAN _____ TO GOD AS " _____ " _____ . (4:6b-11)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read Galatians 3:26-4:11.
2. What is our status in relationship to God? How was that status obtained? (3:26-27)
3. What baptism is referred to in verse 27? (See 1 Cor. 12:13)
4. In what sense are all believers one in Christ? How does our relationship with Christ affect how we relate to one another? (3:28)
5. What does it mean that we are Abraham's seed? What promise are we heirs too? (3:29) (See Gen. 12:1-3; Eph. 1:3-14)
6. What word picture/illustration does Paul use in 4:1-3? Explain the similarities between a child and a slave?
7. Guardians and trustees (4:2) remind you of what idea in chap. 3? Explain the connection between chap. 3 and 4:1-7.
8. What are the "basic principles of the world" that Paul and other children of his day were enslaved to? (4:3)
9. What is meant by "when the time had fully come"? (4:4) How does this fit the illustration? In what ways was the time right when God sent Jesus?
10. What's the significance of Jesus being "born of a woman" and born "under the law"?
11. When was the law removed? (Matt. 5:17; Jn 19:30; Col. 2:14) Suppose someone says Jesus kept the Sabbath, so we should too. How would you respond?
12. What blessing(s) did Jesus bring – 4:5? How does this relate to the illustration?
13. What relationship do we now have to God and the Spirit? (4:6-7) Define "Abba."
14. What is the conclusion (4:7), and how does it fit the illustration?
15. What concerns does Paul express in 4:8-11?
16. What one truth from this passage will make a difference in your walk with the Lord this week?