



Series: Thriving in Grace

Passage: Galatians 3:26- 4:7

Title: Our Rich Inheritance in Jesus Christ

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Discussion Starter – Have you ever had a co-worker who has a family tie to the owner? Or perhaps you have been in that position yourself. What different attitudes (either positive or negative) towards the daily work might be held by a person in that position?

Read Galatians 3:26-29

1. What does Paul say is the only means for anyone to be declared a son of God?
2. Jesus clothed Himself in humanity so that we could clothe ourselves in Him. What is conveyed by the word picture, “baptized into Christ”, or “put on Christ”?
 - a. Does your life reflect the behaviors you would expect to see in a person who has “died and his life is hidden with Christ in God”? (Colossians 3:3)
3. What new term does Paul introduce to describe those who are “in Christ”? What promise and what inheritance is being described in verse 29?

Read Galatians 4:1-5a

4. How does Paul differentiate between slaves and heirs? How long are guardians and tutors in place over heirs?
 - b. What do “guardians and stewards” look like in our 21st century life? What are their instructions to us?
5. What time frames, (“as long as” or “until”) are given for “guardians and tutors” to be in place?
6. What did God do “in the fulness of time”? How did He do it? Why did He do it?

Read Galatians 4:5b-7

7. What are we able to receive because of God’s action?
8. Review Romans 8:15-17 and 23. How is the Spirit of adoption differentiated from the finished act of adoption?
 - c. What condition (v. 17) is given that precedes our full inheritance? How is this suffering described in verse 23? What does it look like in your life?
9. What is Paul’s declaration of our standing before God at the conclusion of this section of scripture, (Gal 4:7)?
 - d. How does this realization re-frame your approach to living as a child of God?
 - e. How does this answer Paul’s initial question in 3:3, “Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect in the flesh”?