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## Freedom To Live For Christ

Galatians 3:23-29

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



In our churches today we have a wide variety of people; some from different backgrounds, different places and from different families. Yet, when it comes to our family in Christ we are all on equal footing. Paul tells us that there is no distinction between slave or free, Jew or Greek, or male or female when it comes to our relationship with God. This week we will take a look at the equality that Paul calls for in our churches. We are partners in Christ, supporting, loving, and building each other up for the glory of the Kingdom.



**Read Galatians 3:23-29 (NET)**

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came we were held in custody under the law, being kept as prisoners until the coming faith would be revealed.

<sup>24</sup> Thus the law had become our guardian until Christ, so that we could be declared righteous by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. <sup>26</sup> For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith.

<sup>27</sup> For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female—for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to the promise.

**EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passages.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)

**What does God MEAN?**

8. What is the coming of faith?

9. What makes us sons of God?

10. What does it mean to be clothed with Christ?

11. Is there a condition to the promise that we are heirs? If so, what?

12. How is it possible for there to be no distinction in Christ when we are all so different?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

**Why does this MATTER to me?**

13. We are all equal in Christ. Consider how this truth should play out in the following situations within our church and then consider if it is different than how it actually plays out.

a. How does this affect our service?

b. How does this affect our Bible study?

c. How does this affect our Worship?

d. How does this affect our outreach?

14. What can we do to make people feel more equal?

**Summarize your thoughts on the passage**

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

**SERMON NOTES**