

Study Guide for December 16th, 2001. *Sola Fide* #12 Galatians 3:26-29 Transformed Relationships.

1. Imagine that you are an immigrant who has just arrived in the United States. After getting settled, you apply for and receive U.S. citizenship. How does this status effect you and your relationships?

2. Sons of God (Galatians 3:26-27)
 - A. How does Paul say one becomes a **son of God**?
 - B. Fill in the blanks. “Yet to all who _____ him, to those who _____ in his name, he gave the right to become _____ of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human _____ or a husband’s will, but _____ of God.” (John 1:12)
 - C. How would you respond to someone claiming, “All people are children of God.” (see Acts 17:29)
 - D. What significance do you see in being a **son of God**?
 - E. What does the image, **clothed yourself with Christ**, bring to mind? How should that affect you?

3. One in Christ (Galatians 3:28)
 - A. Paul mentions three antithesis as he speaks about believers unity in Christ. What important truth is he communicating when he says there is neither . . .
 - 1) Jew nor Greek: (see Eph. 2:11-18)
 - 2) slave nor free: (see I Cor. 7:17-24, Col. 3:11, 3:22 - 4:1, 9)
 - 3) male nor female:
 - B. What would it look like to put this truth into practice in the church?

4. Abraham’s seed and heir (Galatians 3:29)
 - A. What is the significance that we are **Abraham’s seed** and an **heir**?
 - B. Fill in the blanks, “These were all commended for their _____, yet none of them received what had been _____. God had planned something better for us so that only _____ with us would they be made _____.” (Hebrews 11:39-40)

5. New Creatures in Christ (Read II Cor. 5:16-17)
 - A. What have you observed that people turn to in order to “find themselves”?
 - B. Reflect on the following, “In Christ we find ourselves. . . (We) find our place in eternity, related to God as His sons and daughters, in society - related to each other as brothers and sisters in the same family, and in history - related to the succession of God’s people through the ages.” (John Stott, Commentary on Galatians pg. 100.)