

Be What You Are  
Galatians 3:26-27

# I. Analysis of Galatians 3:26-27

# What Gal.3:26-27 does NOT say

- “All people are children of God.”
- “We are children of God by faith alone.”
- “You are children of God outside of Christ.”

## Gal.3:26-27 says . . .

- WHAT? Children of God through faith.
  - Hb.11:30, 'by marching'? encircling? shouting?
  - Faith does what God requires. Gal.5:6

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- WHAT? Children of God through faith.
- WHERE? In Christ. Ep.1:3.
  - In school
  - In matrimony
  - In favor
  - In banking
  - One of the *in* crowd

ASV commas: “For ye are all sons of God, through faith, in Christ Jesus.”

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- WHAT? Children of God through faith.
- WHERE? In Christ. Ep.1:3.
- HOW? 27 explains 26: “you are children of God by faith *for* you were baptized into Christ.”
  - Tenses: 26, *you are* ... 27, *you were* ...
  - Reverse: *you are not* sons of God by faith...for as many of you as *were not* baptized into Christ *did not* put on Christ

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- WHAT? Children of God through faith.
- WHERE? In Christ. Ep.1:3.
- HOW? 27 explains 26
- EFFECT? <sup>1</sup>baptized into Christ; <sup>2</sup>put on Christ.

**Into Christ, into His death, to bring by baptism into fellowship with Christ – Th. 92**

Why is this so important? Errors –

- “Romans 13:14, already baptized, yet told to ‘put Him on’ ... thus not done in baptism.”
  - Christians continued to believe, repent ... (1 Jn.3:23; 5:13; 2 Co.7:9f) – but they believed when they became Christians...
  - In every situation, walk by faith (2 Co.5:7)
  - Also, <sup>1</sup>put on Christ in baptism, and <sup>2</sup>continue to put Him on throughout life



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  - Denominationalists believe they put on Christ at point of faith.
  - THEY must explain why their argument doesn’t explain away necessity of faith.
  - Romans had believed and been baptized, yet told to put Him on.
  - Even if they could prove baptism did not result in putting on Christ, passage still says “baptized into Christ.”

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  - Point of Galatians 3:27 –
  - His work brought Jews and Gentiles into His salvation.
  - “You are all sons of God whatever your ancestors...IF...you are baptized into Christ.
  - NO longer be prisoners awaiting execution, OR children (minors) restrained by a tutor, BUT sons of God.

# What is putting on Christ?

- Taking on of characteristics, virtues, intentions, etc. – “clothe oneself in the Lord Jesus Christ.”
- Two applications –
  - Gal.3:27, their relation to Christ [cf. 4:19]
  - Ro.13:14, conduct in Christ . . .
    - Ep.4:17-19, 20-24, 5:1-2...
    - Col.3:1-3, 8, 10, 11, etc.

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II. What To Put On? (Col.3)

# 1. Right attitude toward people, 12-14

## ■ Heart of compassion

- Greeks connected tender emotions with stirring of physical organs...
- Ancient world lacked compassion; abandoned sick, needy, aged...
  - Gn.4:30, Joseph
  - Lk.10, Samaritan

# 1. Right attitude toward people, 12-14

- Heart of compassion
- **Kindness**
  - Opposite of harshness, severity; expressed in attitude and deed...  
Ac.4:36-37.
  - Prov.18:24, A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

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- Heart of compassion
- Kindness
- **Humility**
  - Opposite of haughtiness and conceit.
  - Pagans despised it as weakness, inability to assert oneself
    - Lk.18:13
    - Ph.2:5, Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

# 1. Right attitude toward people, 12-14

- Heart of compassion
- Kindness
- Humility
- **Meekness**
  - Gentleness, courtesy.
  - Obedient submission to God and His will that displays itself in right attitude and acts toward others; a God-controlled person.
  - Nu.12:3; Ga.6:1



# 1. Right attitude toward people, 12-14

- Heart of compassion
- Kindness
- Humility
- Meekness
- **Longsuffering**
  - Endurance; long holding out of the mind before it gives room to passion.
  - Patience with people without revenge or retaliation.
  - Opposite of short temper.

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- Heart of compassion
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- Humility
- Meekness
- Longsuffering
- **Forbearing**
  - To endure, bear with someone, whether with labors, faults, or insults.
  - Ep.4:2, ...in love.

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- **Forgiving**
  - Give graciously (a cause for complaint).

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- Forgiving.
- **Love (14)**
  - Ground of every other quality.
  - 1 Co.13:13

1. Right attitude toward people

2. Right attitude toward God, 15-16

■ **Thankfulness**

- Appreciation for favors done.
- Ro.1:21
- Ro.2:4

1. Right attitude toward people

## 2. Right attitude toward God, 15-16

- Thankfulness
- **Right attitude toward word of God.**
  - Let word dwell – live in one and influence him (for good).
  - Dwell richly – extravagantly.
  - Includes knowledge of truth, courage to stand for truth, endurance in truth.

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2. Right attitude toward God

3. Right attitude toward life, 17.

- **Name: under His approval**

- Paul was conservative: sought to preserve existing order.

- Acts 22:10