

## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Galatians 3:26-29

<sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

<sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

<sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

<sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Christ, for all, always

Notes:

Universal nature of the church: All believers around the globe and across time, can be referred to as one single body. One family

- The oneness we experience with the global church is based on faith in Christ, not the law
  - When we put our faith in Christ several things happen:
    1. We become Sons of God - all believers around the world share the same identity.
    2. This message of salvation is open to ALL. There are no cultural/racial barriers, no socio-economic barriers, and no male/female barriers. All have equal access to God as father through Christ and all are on equal grounds as members of the Kingdom before God.
    3. The plan of salvation always included ALL nations. Through faith in Christ (Abraham's offspring) we become fellow heirs of the covenant promises to Abraham. We are heirs and share a destiny of being together in heaven, worshipping God, forever
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Questions:

1. Like the Judaizers who could not let go of the law and cultural identifiers, what barriers or social "laws" do we still hold on to? Or what do we see in culture that Christians prioritize over simply faith in Christ?

2. What are the implications of all believers being "sons of God"? How should we think about and treat other members of the universal church in light of our shared identity?

3. How does the world operate vs church when it comes to the three cultural mandates mentioned by Paul. How as a church can we make this even more true?

4. Paul says we are all one in Christ, heirs according to the promise. How does Christianity honor distinctions among people across the globe in the universal church

5. Have you thought about the universal church in terms of time? All believers from all time, into the future, one church that will be together forever. Read Hebrews 12:2 and Revelation 7:9