



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

24 JUNE

GALATIANS: THREE IN ONE

This study guide should be used the week following the sermon it supplements.

MAIN TEXT: Galatians 3:26-4:7

26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

4 What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. 2 The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. 3 So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. 4 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. 6 Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." 7 So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

***B.L.E.S.S. means:** Begin with Prayer, Listen with care Eat together, Serve with love, Share Stories. For more info see westminsterchapel.org.uk/bless.

COMING UP

Summer of Fun | 1- 29 July
British Museum | 1 July
ATOM & Street Party | 6-8 July
Life Group Gatherings | 15 July
Prayer Meeting | 18 July
Coffee Shop Kindness | 22 July
Chapel Picnic | 29 July

GETTING STARTED

We want to develop and strengthen a healthy culture of encouragement at Chapel, so each week we'll start our LG's by sharing something we want to thank God for: an encouraging thing He's doing in our lives, or in the lives of others. How has your prayer life and walk with God been impacted by the Expectant Prayer series and recent gatherings? What ways have you been able to B.L.E.S.S.* those around you in recent weeks?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What stories can you think of that operate on three levels, like CS Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia, that Howard mentioned?
2. Galatians reveals three levels of salvation. Consider the first; a new identity, looking at verses 3:26 and 4:6. What is the tense? Who is/isn't included?
3. What do you think being an orphan feels like? How does it affect what you believe (about yourself, God and others) and how you behave?
4. In what sense was every Christian a spiritual orphan? *Hint:* we became spiritually fatherless when we were separated from God's love in Adam and Eve.
5. God remedies this with new transforming clothes (3:27) and a new intimate cry (4:6). How do they work in practice? Share an experience of 'feeling the part' and knowing intimacy with God.
6. The second level is a new community (3:28). What should this look like? How could we translate 3:28 into our context, what other divisions have been destroyed (that we mustn't maintain)? How can we all play our part in being this great new community?
7. The third level is a new eternity. It's the big picture view of salvation; we're not just saved from sin but a sinful age (1:4). What will a world without sin look like? *Hint:* all the good supersized; all the bad exorcised.

NEXT STEPS & PRAYER

Give thanks to God for the amazing three in one salvation we can all receive simply by faith.

Read out and pray through the 'My Father God' statements (given to everyone on Sunday) and available here: freedommississippi.org/2015/02/03/my-father-god-statements/

Ask God to make this salvation known through you and Westminster Chapel. Ask God to rescue people from feelings of unwantedness, loneliness and hopelessness across London.