

September 25th – One in Christ Jesus

*“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Gal. 3:28)*

This is one of the most awesome and most misinterpreted verses in all the Word of God. It’s awesome for obvious reasons – through faith alone in Jesus Christ we are born into the family of God. It doesn’t matter about a person’s race, gender, socio-economic status, etc. – anyone can become a child of God through faith in Jesus Christ. It’s sad to say that we still live in a world filled with discrimination, but it’s good to know that all forms self-centered discrimination doesn’t exist with God! It’s been well-said that “the ground is level at the foot of the cross.”

This amazing verse is often misused by those who try to make the Bible say something different than what it actually says. Some people have used this verse to say that wives are no longer obligated to provide faithful submission to their husbands. Others have used this verse to argue that women should be allowed to serve as pastors and deacons in our local churches. Many others have twisted this verse to say a variety of things.

Could they be correct in their interpretations? Let’s ask ourselves – when a Jewish person receives Jesus, does he cease to be Jewish? When a woman asked Christ to save her, does she stop being a woman? Of course not! This verse does not mean that there are no longer races, genders, etc. when God saves us. What it means is that he saves us and unites us in spite of our differences. Through Jesus, we are all one great big family of God!