

GALATIANS 3:26–4:7 – Sons & Heirs

GOSPEL GRAMMAR: The _____ of _____ must precede the _____ of _____.

Joyce Meyer's Message: Only when you really know _____, once you realise Jesus _____ so you don't have to continually _____, once you understand God's love is _____ not _____, then _____ becomes possible, _____ becomes possible, _____ becomes possible.

3 Parts to Paul's Revelation of our New Identity

1. In Christ, we _____ (3:26-29)

v27: Clothing is not just about fashion, but _____ & _____ ... _____ you are & _____ you are ... And we have _____ (Isa 64:6, 61:10).

v28: Identity is not determined by _____ or _____, but by your _____ into God's family through Christ ... In Christ, everyone _____ ... everyone is _____ ... everyone is _____.

2. In Christ, we are no longer _____, but _____ (4:1-3)

As a _____ you are really no better off than a _____ ... but that's simply _____ the case.

- a) You are no longer a _____ who needs _____.
- b) You are no longer a _____ obligated to a _____.
- c) You are no longer a _____ who needs to _____ acceptance, blessing & favour.

→ Now you are _____ ... You are a _____ ... You are an _____.

3. In Christ, we are _____ of God crying _____ (4:4-7)

In the Greco-Roman world, a childless man could _____ one of his _____. At the moment of adoption, they ceased to be a _____ & instead received all the privileges of _____.

This is a remarkable picture of what Jesus has done for us: We have been _____ = _____ out of _____ ... & instead given the _____ of _____.

Tim Keller: "If we don't let Paul call Christian women ' _____ of God,' we miss how _____ & _____ a claim it is."

THE PRODIGAL SON (Luke 15:11-32)

The Prodigal Son went back to his father expecting & indeed deserving the position of _____.

But, much to his surprise, his father took mercy, came running, embraced him & lavished on him the _____ of _____, as demonstrated by the provision of 3 things:

- a) A _____ representing his _____ as a member of the royal family.
- b) A _____ representing his _____ as the king's own son.
- c) _____ representing _____ ... Slaves went _____; sons wore _____.

The Older Brother missed the point: Even though he was a _____, he was allowing himself to live bound up in _____, meaning he was living functionally as a _____.

The Danger: The _____ Galatians might do the same. For us, don't get _____ into the same _____, behaving like a _____, living like a _____, trying to earn it like a _____, when like the Prodigal Son, you wear the Father's _____ & _____.