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Faith Is...

- Not simply an intellectual concept, idea or theory
- An encounter with the living God through Jesus Christ
- Faith must be engaged "new every morning"



'YES' to jesus everyday

- Faith is not about keeping rules
- Faith is a mutual abiding in Jesus (Galatians 2:19-20)
- The relationship makes us a child of God



JIESUS OUR AGGESS POINT TO A RELATIONSHIP WITH ABBA

"for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith."

Galatians 3:26



no longer works of law

- The door to Abba is not the Torah (the Law) but the person of Jesus (Galatians 3:23-25)
- The 'Law' served as a tutor / a disciplinarian (NRSV)/ a custodian (Greek) to bring us to the point of

'in and through christ'

- Christ or Christ Jesus 5x in 3 verses
- Names come in staccato style
- It is all about gift and God's grace



THE RESULT

- We become children of God (v26)
- We find our identity in being God's children



See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

1 John 3:1



TWO IMACIES BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST CLOTHED WITH CHRIST

"As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."



Water Baptism

- A symbolic entry point into a new relationship
- We turn from our ego to Jesus, from false to true self



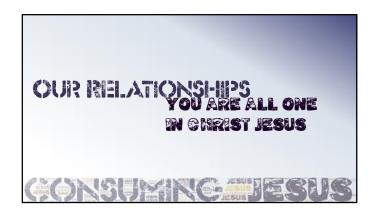
CLOTHED WITH CHRIST

- Each day we align ourselves with Jesus
- Our values share the values of Jesus
- Our loyalty is to Jesus



Lord now !

- Jesus is not potentially Lord but Lord now - a decisive event has happened in Jesus
- We do not demand control but yield to Jesus
- The story of the rich young ruler as
 a paradigm for our age



There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.



Three Polarities

- i. Racial Grouping "Jew or Gentile" life in Christ not based on ethnicity
- ii. **Economic Grouping** "slave or free" –not based on money/class
- iii. Gender Grouping "male or female"–not based on sexuality

embrage god's great work

- We are invited to embrace it together - 'heirs' together -Abraham's seed
- Working together as children of God

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