

*Series: What Makes the Church Run Well (Gal. 5:7)*

## **The People That Makes the Church Run Well**

**Gal. 3:1-9, 26-29**

Introduction:

- A. The Galatians had at one time obeyed the truth (v. 1)
  - 1. They had run well in Christ (5:7)
  - 2. They had turned to “the flesh” again as the basis of their relationship to God.
- B. The Galatians needed to be reminded of the kind of people they were so they could run well again.

Discussion:

- I. They Were God’s Children by Faith (v. 26)**
  - A. Had become such of the “hearing of faith” (vv. 2, 3)
  - B. Had become the real children of Abraham (v. 7)
  - C. Had the right to call God Father (4:6-7)
- II. They Were Christ’s (v. 29)**
  - A. By purchase (1 Tim. 2:16; Acts 20:28)
  - B. By having:
    - 1. Been born again (1 Pet. 1:18-19, 22-23)
    - 2. Obeying the truth (1 Pet. 1:22)
- III. They Were Abraham’s Seed (v. 29)**
  - A. Promise included Gentiles (vv. 6-9)
  - B. Promise fulfilled in Christ (vv 15,16)
- IV. They Were One in Christ (v. 28)**
  - A. All in Christ are in one body (1 Cor. 12:20; Eph. 4:4; Eph 1:22-23).
  - B. All are reconciled unto God in one body (Eph. 2:13-16)
- V. They Had Been Baptized into Christ (v. 27)**
  - A. Baptism reason given for being children (vv. 26, 27)
  - B. Baptism and salvation (Mk. 16:15, 16; 1 Pet. 3:21)

Conclusion:

- A. All five expressions describe the same people.
- B. Won’t you become this kind of person – one that runs well for the Lord.