

# Obeying the Truth

Gal. 3:1; 5:7

## Introduction:

- A. Galatians once obeyed the truth. (5:7).
  - 1. Had a good beginning “in the Spirit”. (3:4).
  - 2. Had turned to “the flesh.”
    - a. To a fleshly relationship, Abraham’s descendants.
    - b. To a fleshly sign, circumcision.
    - c. To a fleshly covenant, law of Moses.
- B. Galatians reminded of who they had become in obeying the truth by using five equivalent expressions:

## Discussion:

- I. “You Are All Sons (*Children*) of God by Faith in Christ Jesus” (v. 26).**
  - A. Joint heirs with Christ. (Rom. 8:12-17).
  - B. Right to cry “Father”. (Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:6).
  - C. Right to expect glory to be revealed. (Rom. 8:18,19).
- II. “You .. Were *Baptized into Christ*”. (v. 27).**
  - A. Baptism given as reason for being children - “For as many..”
  - B. Baptism puts one into:
    - 1. Christ. (v. 27).
      - a. In whom we have salvation. (Mark 16:16; 1 Pet. 3:21).
      - b. In whom we have remission of sins. (Col. 1:14; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16).
    - 2. The church made up of the saved. (1 Cor. 12:13; Acts 2:47).
- III. “You Are All *One in Christ Jesus*.” (v. 28)**
  - A. All those in Christ in one body. (1 Cor. 12:20; Eph. 4:4; 1:22,23).
  - B. All those reconciled to God in one body. (Eph. 2:13-16).
- IV. “You Are *Christ’s*.” (v. 29).**
  - A. He purchased us. (1 Tim. 2:16; Mt. 20:28; Acts 20:28).
  - B. He conditionally redeemed us. (1 Pet. 1:18-25).
    - 1. Redeemed have obeyed truth. (v. 22).
    - 2. Redeemed with responsibility. (1 Cor. 6:19-20).
- V. “You Are *Abraham’s Seed*.” (v. 29).**
  - A. Heirs of promise rather than of flesh. (3:7-18)
    - 1. Promise to all nations (3:8).
    - 2. Inheritance based on faith, not genealogy.
  - B. Heirs of Abraham because of “seed” (Christ) not “seeds” (National Israel) (3:16).
    - 1. Fleshly Israel no longer God’s special people.
    - 2. Spiritual Israel is God’s special people. (cf. 1 Pet. 2:9,10).

## Conclusion:

- A. So, all five expressions for the same people.
- B. Have you become one of these people by obeying the truth?
- C. Have you become so foolish as to quit obeying the truth?