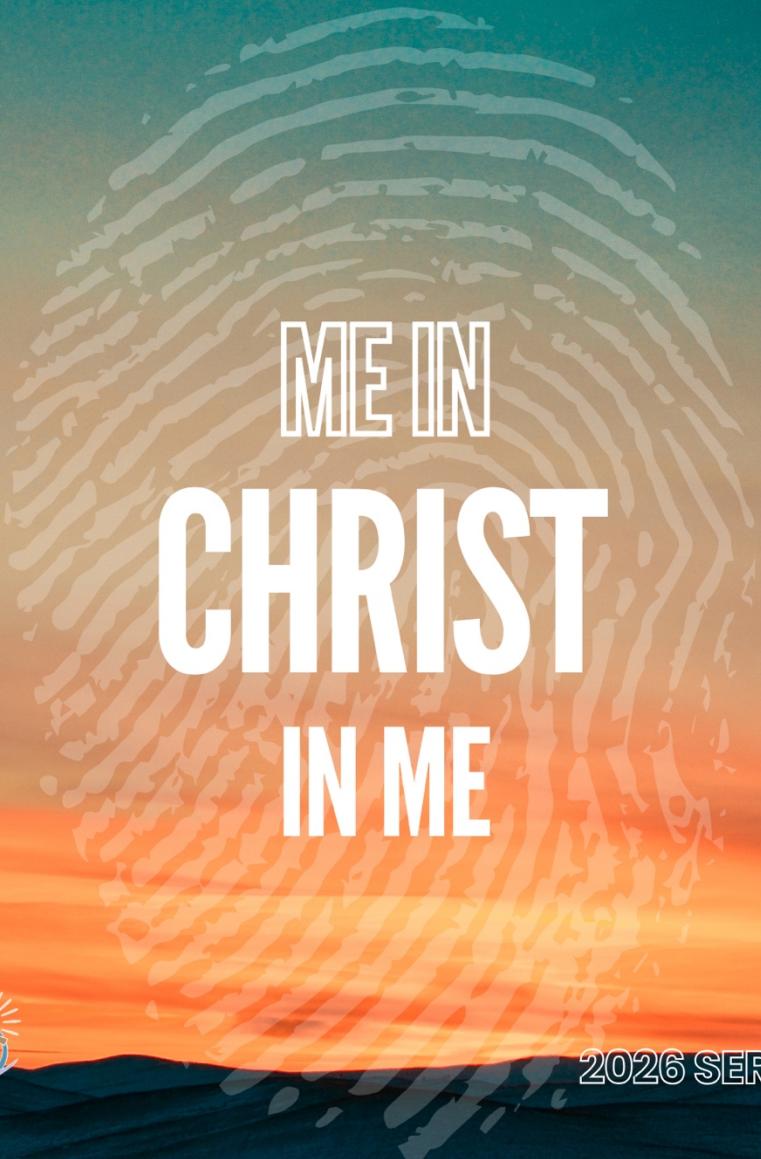


# Term 1

# Identity in Christ

A study from Galatians



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2026 SERIES



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## Introduction

In a world that constantly asks, “*Who are you?*”, identity is often shaped by achievement, status, culture, relationships, personal preference, or success. People are measured by what they do, how they perform, and how they compare to others.

The gospel offers a radically different and life-giving answer. The theme for this year, “Me in Christ, Christ in me,” captures the very heart of the Christian faith: a living, transforming union with Jesus Christ. Christianity is not merely about believing certain truths or following moral rules; it is about belonging to Christ and having Christ live within us. I am His and He is mine.

For the first term, our focus is on our “Identity in Christ.” Identity answers the deepest question of the human heart: “*Who am I really?*” Scripture teaches that when a person places their faith in Jesus Christ, they receive a new identity that is not earned, achieved, or maintained by human effort. Instead, it is a gift of grace, rooted entirely in what Christ has done.

To be “in Christ” means that our past no longer defines us, our failures no longer condemn us, and our worth is no longer dependent on performance. Our identity is secure because it is anchored in Him.

The letter to the Galatians provides a powerful foundation for exploring this truth. Paul writes to believers who had begun their Christian journey by faith but were being pressured to define themselves again by law-keeping, religious performance, and external markers of spirituality. In response, Paul passionately defends the gospel of grace and calls the Galatians back to their true identity. His message is clear and uncompromising: our standing with God, our growth in faith, and our place in God’s family come through faith in Christ alone—not through human effort or religious achievement.

This study will journey through key passages in Galatians 2 to 6, exploring vital aspects of our identity in Christ.

Understanding our identity in Christ changes how we face challenges, how we view ourselves and others, and how we live out our faith daily. As you engage with this study, allow God’s Word to confront false

identities and speak truth over your life. May you grow in confidence, freedom, and joy as you discover anew what it truly means to live as someone who is in Christ—and in whom Christ lives.

Soli Deo Gloria!  
Glory to God alone

## **Week 1 - I no Longer Live, but Christ Lives in Me**

**MEMORY VERSE - *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. — Galatians 2:20a***

### **Introduction to this week's study**

When Paul writes, "*I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me,*" he isn't speaking metaphorically—he's declaring a spiritual reality that transforms everything. When we place our faith in Jesus, our old identity dies and a new one is born. This isn't self-improvement or behaviour modification; it's complete transformation. The person you were—defined by sin, failure, and separation from God—has been crucified with Christ. The person you are now is indwelt by the living Christ, empowered by His Spirit, and defined by His righteousness. This week, we'll explore what it means to die to our old selves and live in the liberating truth that Christ Himself lives in and through us.

## Day 1: Justified by Faith, Not Works

Scripture: *Galatians 2:15-21*

Read Galatians 2:15-16. Paul states that "*a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ.*" What does this reveal about the foundation of your identity—is it based on what you do or on what Christ has done?

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Read Romans 3:23-24. How does understanding that justification is a gift of grace (not something earned) change the way you view your worth and acceptance before God?

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## Day 2: Dead to the Law, Alive to God

Scripture: *Galatians 2:17-19*

Paul says, "*I through the law died to the law that I might live to God.*" What does it mean to die to the law, and how does this free you from trying to establish your identity through rule-keeping or performance?

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Read Romans 7:4-6. How does being "*dead to the law*" enable you to serve God in a new way, motivated by love rather than obligation?

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## Day 3: Crucified with Christ

Scripture: *Galatians 2:20a* ("I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me")

What aspects of your "old self"—your former identity apart from Christ—were "crucified" with Him on the cross? How does recognising this help you break free from past patterns of sin or shame?

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Read Colossians 3:3-4. What does it mean practically in your daily life that "you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God"?

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## Day 4: Christ Lives in Me

Scripture: *Galatians 2:20b ("and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God")*

If Christ literally lives in you through the Holy Spirit, how should this reality affect the way you approach challenges, temptations, and daily decisions?

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Read John 15:4-5. What does it mean to abide in Christ, and how does His life in you produce fruit that you could never manufacture on your own?

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## Day 5: Loved

Scripture: *Galatians 2:20c* ("who loved me and gave Himself for me")

Paul personalises Christ's sacrifice—"who loved me and gave Himself for me." How does internalising this personal love of Christ change your sense of identity and worth?

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Read 1 John 4:9-10. How does understanding that God's love is not based on your performance but on His character provide security and freedom in your relationship with Him?

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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

### Prayer

**Scripture:** *Galatians 2:15-21 and Romans 6:6-14*

What false identities or labels (whether positive or negative) have you allowed to define you instead of your identity in Christ? How can you intentionally replace these with the truth of who God says you are?

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Why is it difficult to let go of self-centred living? What does living by faith look like practically?

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Share a time when you've experienced the difference between trying to earn God's acceptance through performance versus resting in the truth that you're already accepted through faith in Christ.

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Paul says he has been "*crucified with Christ*" (past tense), yet he lives "*by faith*" (present continuous). How does understanding the "*already done*" aspect of our crucifixion with Christ give us power to live out the "*daily*" reality of faith?

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### **Close in prayer**

## **Week 2 - In Christ We Received the Holy Spirit**

**MEMORY VERSE** - *Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard?*  
*Galatians 3:2b*

### **Introduction to this week's study**

How did you receive the Holy Spirit? This is Paul's urgent question to the Galatian church, and it remains powerfully relevant today. We often begin our Christian life by grace through faith, only to slip into thinking we must maintain or grow that relationship through our own effort. Paul confronts this "foolish" thinking head-on. The Spirit of God doesn't come to us because we've been good enough, disciplined enough, or spiritual enough. He comes by faith alone—the same way we were saved.

The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives is not a reward for good behaviour but the gift that enables transformed living. Our identity in Christ includes the indwelling presence of God Himself, given freely, empowering us to live the life God calls us to.

## Day 1: Received by Faith, Not Works

Scripture: *Galatians 3:1-14*

Paul asks the Galatians whether they received the Spirit "*by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith.*" Reflect on your own life: are there areas where you're trying to earn the Spirit's power or God's blessing through your own efforts rather than trusting in faith?

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According to Acts 2:38-39, what are the conditions for receiving the Holy Spirit, and how does this confirm that the Spirit is a gift of grace rather than a reward for good works?

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## Day 2: Faith Like Abraham

Scripture: *Galatians 3:6-9*

Paul points to Abraham, who "*believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*" What does Abraham's example teach us about the basis of our identity and acceptance before God?

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Read Genesis 15:6 and Romans 4:20-22. How does Abraham's faith—trusting God's promise even when circumstances seemed impossible—serve as a model for how we receive all of God's blessings, including the Holy Spirit?

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## Day 3: Redeemed from the Curse

Scripture: *Galatians 3:10-12*

Paul explains that "*as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse.*" How does trying to establish your identity through performance or rule-keeping lead to bondage and condemnation rather than freedom?

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Read Romans 8:1-2. How does the truth that "*there is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus*" free you to live by the Spirit rather than the law?

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## Day 4: Christ Became a Curse for Us

Scripture: *Galatians 3:13*

*"Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us."* How does understanding what Christ endured on your behalf—taking your curse—deepen your gratitude and your understanding of your identity as redeemed?

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Read Isaiah 53:4-6. What burdens, shame, or guilt are you still carrying that Christ has already taken upon Himself at the cross?

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## Day 5: The Promise of the Spirit

Scripture: *Galatians 3:14*

Paul reveals that Christ redeemed us "*that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*" How does receiving the Holy Spirit fulfil God's promise and complete your identity as a child of God?

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Read Ephesians 1:13-14. How does the Holy Spirit serve as both a seal (marking you as belonging to God) and a guarantee (promising your future inheritance)? What security does this provide for your identity in Christ?

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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

### Prayer

**Scripture:** *Galatians 3:1-14 and Romans 8:6-11*

Read Galatians 3:3. Paul calls the Galatians "foolish" for trying to complete by their own effort what God began by His Spirit. Where in your spiritual life might you be trying to finish by effort what God started by grace?

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Read Galatians 3:13. How does understanding that Christ became a curse for us change the way we view our failures and shortcomings? How should this truth affect our daily walk with God?

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What role does the Spirit play in your daily Christian living, and what practical steps can help us grow in sensitivity to the Spirit's leading?

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Share an experience where you clearly sensed the presence or power of the Holy Spirit in your life. How did that experience confirm your identity as a child of God?

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### **Close in prayer**

## Week 3 – We are All One in Christ

**MEMORY VERSE** – *There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28*

### Introduction to this week's study

In Christ, there is no second-class citizenship in God's kingdom. Whether you came to faith as a child or in old age, whether you have a dramatic testimony or a quiet story of grace, whether you're naturally gifted or struggle in your faith, you are a full son or daughter of God. Our identity in Christ makes us family. Through baptism into Christ, we have "*put on Christ*" like a garment, and now when the Father looks at us, He sees His Son. We're not servants hoping for scraps from the table; we're beloved children seated at the feast. We're not striving to become God's children; through faith, we already are. This identity unites us with believers across every divide and gives us a secure place in God's eternal family.

## Day 1: Children of God Through Faith

Scripture: *Galatians 3:26-27*

Paul declares, "*You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.*" How does the word "*all*" emphasise the inclusive and equal nature of our identity as God's children? What barriers or distinctions does this eliminate?

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Read John 1:12-13. What is the basis for becoming a child of God, and how does this differ from other relationships or identities that depend on birth, achievement, or status?

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## Day 2: Baptised into Christ

Scripture: *Galatians 3:27a* ("For as many of you as were baptised into Christ")

Baptism symbolises our identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. How does understanding baptism as being "*into Christ*" deepen your sense of union with Him?

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Read Romans 6:3-4. How does baptism represent the death of your old identity and the birth of your new identity as one who is alive in Christ?

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## Day 3: Clothed with Christ

Scripture: *Galatians 3:27b ("have put on Christ") and Ephesians 4:22-24*

What does it mean to "*put on Christ*" like a garment? How should this reality affect the way you think, speak, and act throughout your day? In what situations do you need to "*put on*" Christ more intentionally?

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Read Colossians 3:12-14. Paul describes "*putting on*" compassion, kindness, humility, and love. How does putting on Christ enable you to display these characteristics that aren't natural to your old self?

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## Day 4: Unity in Christ

Scripture: *Galatians 3:28 (in context with verses 26-27)*

Paul states 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.*" How does our shared identity in Christ transcend social, cultural, economic, and gender distinctions?

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Read Ephesians 2:14-16. How has Christ broken down the dividing walls between different groups of people, and what does this mean for how we should relate to others in the body of Christ?

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## Day 5: Secure in Our Sonship

Scripture: *Galatians 3:26-27*

How does knowing you are a son or daughter of God—not based on your performance but on faith in Christ—provide security and confidence in your relationship with God?

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Read Romans 8:15-17. How does the Spirit testify to your identity as God's child, and what difference does it make to know you're not just a servant but an heir?

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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

### Prayer

**Scripture:** *Galatians 3:26-27, Ephesians 4:22-24 and Colossians 3:12-14*

What does it mean practically to "put on Christ" daily? What old attitudes, behaviours, or thought patterns do you need to "take off" to more fully live in your new identity?

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In what ways do we sometimes treat certain believers as "more spiritual" or "better Christians" than others? How does Galatians 3:26-28 challenge these attitudes and call us to recognise our equal standing in Christ?

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How does understanding that God sees Christ when He looks at you (not your performance, background, or failures) change the way you approach Him and the way you see yourself?

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Share about a time when you struggled to believe you were truly a child of God. What helped you embrace your identity In Christ, and how has it changed your relationship with God?

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## Week 4 - Heirs in Christ

**MEMORY VERSE** – *If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:29*

### Introduction to this week's study

If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise. We are not just forgiven sinners, not just adopted children—we are heirs. Everything God promised to Abraham, every spiritual blessing, every provision for life and godliness, every aspect of the eternal inheritance—it all belongs to us through Christ. This isn't a future hope only; it's a present reality. Right now, you are an heir of God and a co-heir with Christ. The same inheritance Jesus receives; you receive.

Understanding that you're an heir changes how you face trials, how you view resources, how you approach spiritual growth, and how you wait for Christ's return. You're not a spiritual beggar hoping for handouts; you're royalty, an heir to the King, living now in light of your eternal inheritance.

## Day 1: You Are Abraham's Seed

Scripture: *Galatians 3:29-4:2*

Paul declares that if you belong to Christ, you are "*Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*" How does being grafted into Abraham's family by faith (not bloodline) demonstrate the grace and inclusiveness of God's plan? What does it mean to you personally to be included in this ancient covenant?

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Read Romans 4:13-16. The promise to Abraham comes through "*the righteousness of faith*", so it can be guaranteed to all his offspring. How does understanding that your inheritance is based on faith (not your performance) give you confidence and security as an heir?

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## Day 2: Heirs According to the Promise

Scripture: *Galatians 3:29 and 4:1*

You are an heir "*according to the promise*"—meaning your inheritance is guaranteed by God's faithful promise, not by your worthiness. What specific promises has God made to you as His heir? How does knowing these promises are guaranteed change the way you pray, hope, and persevere?

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Read Ephesians 1:11-14. We have "*obtained an inheritance*", and the Holy Spirit is the "*guarantee*" of that inheritance. How does the Spirit's presence in your life right now assure you of your future inheritance? What does it mean that you already possess the down payment of what is to come?

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## Day 3: From Slavery to Sonship

Scripture: *Galatians 4:1-2*

Before Christ, we were heirs in waiting, under the law's supervision. How does this picture help you understand the difference between your old life under law and your new life in Christ? In what ways were you living "*like a slave*" even though you were destined for sonship?

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Read Romans 8:14-15. We did not receive "*the spirit of bondage again to fear, but...the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.'*" What areas of your Christian life still feel like slavery or fear-based obedience rather than the confident intimacy of a beloved child calling God "*Father*"

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## Day 4: Under Guardians and Stewards

Scripture: *Galatians 4:2*

The child-heir remained "*under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.*" The law was our guardian until Christ came (Galatians 3:24-25). How does understanding the law as a temporary supervisor (not a permanent master) help you avoid legalism while still valuing God's moral standards?

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Read Hebrews 10:1-4. The law was "*a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image.*" How does seeing the Old Testament law as pointing forward to Christ help you read the Old Testament with greater understanding? What shadows have become reality in Christ?

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## Day 5: Living as Mature Heirs

Scripture: *Galatians 3:29-4:2 (review)*

The "*time appointed by the father*" has come—Christ has redeemed us and brought us into our full inheritance as sons and daughters (Galatians 4:4-5). How should living as a mature heir (not a child under guardianship) change the way you approach spiritual maturity, decision-making, and responsibility in God's kingdom?

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Reflecting on Romans 8:16-17, what does it mean to be a co-heir with Christ? How does sharing in His sufferings now connect to sharing in His glory later?

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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

### Prayer

**Scripture:** *Galatians 3:29-4:2 and Romans 4:13-17*

How does being an heir in Christ change how you view life? What does it mean to live as people of promise?

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Romans 4:13-14 warns that if inheritance comes through law-keeping, then "*faith is made void and the promise made of no effect.*" In what areas of your Christian life are you still trying to earn God's favour through performance rather than resting in the promised inheritance you already have through faith? How can legalism rob us of experiencing the fullness of our inheritance?

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What privileges, rights, spiritual blessings or promises that belong to you as an heir have you not been fully enjoying? How can we help each other live as mature heirs rather than children still under guardianship?

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What practical signs might show that a believer is still living like a “*slave*” or “*minor*” rather than as an heir and child of God? What helps us move from fear and striving into freedom and trust?

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## **Week 5 – Children in Christ**

**MEMORY VERSE** - *Because you are His sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, ‘Abba, Father. Galatians 4:6*

### **Introduction to this week's study**

Paul reminds the Galatians that in Christ they are no longer slaves, but children of God—fully adopted, fully loved, and fully heirs. This passage invites us to see our true identity not through our past, failures, performance, or emotions, but through God's declaration: You are Mine. This week explores how being “*children in Christ*” shapes the way we live and relate to God.

## DAY 1 – No longer Slaves

Scripture: *Galatians 4:1-3 and John 8:34-36*

Paul describes pre-Christ life as enslavement to "*elementary principles*"—what specific powers, fears, or systems held you captive before knowing Christ?

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Where do you still feel tempted to live with a "*slave mindset*" instead of as God's child?

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## DAY 2 - The Fullness of Time

Scripture: *Galatians 4:4 and John 1:14*

What does "*the fullness of time*" teach you about God's timing in sending Jesus?

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How does Jesus' coming show God's commitment to restoring your identity?

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## DAY 3 - Adoption by Grace

Scripture: *Galatians 4:5 and Ephesians 1:5*

What does adoption reveal about God's intentional choice of you?

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Forgiveness changes your legal status; adoption changes your family—where are you living as a pardoned criminal rather than an heir with full access to the Father?

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## DAY 4 - Urgency in the Call

Scripture: *Galatians 4:6 and Romans 8:15*

"*Abba*" was Jesus' own intimate term for God—why can't you access this intimacy on your own, and what does the Spirit overcome in you to make it possible?

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Where do you need the Spirit to deepen your experience of God's fatherly love?

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## DAY 5 - Heirs Through God

Scripture: *Luke 9:57-62, 1 John 2:6 and Galatians 2:20*

Paul says you're an heir "*through God*"—how does your inheritance depend entirely on God's action rather than your worthiness?

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Where are you still trying to earn what's already yours by right of adoption as child of God?

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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

### Prayer

Scripture: *Galatians 4:3-7*

Read Romans 8:15-17 and 1 John 3. What part of these passages mostly shapes or challenges your understanding of being a child of God and why?

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How does the Spirit help you experience “*Abba, Father*” in a real and personal way?

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Paul says we are no longer slaves but sons—what does living like a slave look like in everyday life, and how does living as a child look different, how does this shape your decisions, goals, etc.? Galatians 5:1 and John 15:15.

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How can we as a group together deepen one another's experience of "*Abba, Father*" from familiar belief to profound intimacy, where the Spirit's witness transforms your daily relationship with God, on a personal level, during Sunday gatherings, during small group...?

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### **Close in prayer**

## **Week 6 – Freedom from bondage, free to love**

**MEMORY VERSE** - *It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*  
*Galatians 5:1*

### **Introduction to this week's study**

Paul calls believers to live in the freedom Christ has accomplished on our behalf—not a freedom based on effort, law-keeping, or religious performance, but a freedom rooted in grace. In this passage, he warns that returning to old forms of bondage destroys the joy and power of the gospel. True freedom expresses itself in a life shaped by love.

## DAY 1 – Stand Firm in Freedom

Scripture: *Galatians 5:1 and John 8:36*

According to Galatians 5:1, what threatens to pull you back into spiritual bondage?

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How does Jesus demonstrate wisdom in recognising their duplicity, and what does this teach us about the difference between surface sincerity and heart motives?

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## DAY 2 – Christ or the law

Scripture: *Galatians 5:2-4 and Romans 11:6*

How does Paul describe the danger of trying to earn righteousness through law-keeping?

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What are some modern ways believers still try to “earn” what Christ has already given freely?

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## DAY 3 – Faith expressing itself through love

Scripture: *Galatians 5:5-6 and 1 Corinthians 13:1-3*

According to Galatians 5:6, why is love the clearest expression of genuine faith?

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In what relationships does God want you to demonstrate Christ-shaped love more intentionally this week?

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## DAY 4 – What hinders you?

Scripture: *Galatians 5:7–9 and Hebrews 12:1*

What “*hindrances*” or influences (Galatians 5:7–9) slow down your spiritual growth?

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What specific “*hindrances*” or influences are currently cutting in on your journey and preventing you from loving more—and how do these small compromises spread through your life like yeast (Galatians 5:7–9 and Hebrews 12:1)?

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## DAY 5 – Offence for the cross

Scripture: *Galatians 5:10-12 and 1 Corinthians 1:18*

Why does Paul say the cross remains offensive even to religious people, and what about the gospel's message still provokes opposition or discomfort in your own heart?

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Where do you still resist its implications for how you approach God?

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### Prayer

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

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Scripture: *Galatians 5:1-12, 1 Corinthians 1:18 and 1 Corinthians 13:1-3*

What makes the message of the cross in Galatians 5:11 so offensive that even religious people oppose it, and why does 1 Corinthians 1:18 say this foolish message is God's power?

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When Paul asks in Galatians 5:7 who prevents you from obeying the truth, what voices or influences are currently slowing your love for others?

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Since Paul declares in Galatians 5:6 that only faith expressing itself through love has any value, where are you substituting religious activity for the genuine love described in 1 Corinthians 13:1-3?

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Since Paul declares in Galatians 5:6 that only faith expressing itself through love has any value, how does reflecting deeply on Christ's love for you daily fuel your desire to love those who are currently difficult to love—and where does 1 Corinthians 13:1–3 challenge you to move beyond duty to genuine Godly love?

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### **Close in prayer**

## **Week 7 – In Christ led by the Spirit**

**MEMORY VERSE - *So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.* — Galatians 5:16**

### **Introduction to this week's study**

The Christian life is not lived through willpower but through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit produces new desires, new habits, and new character in us. This passage contrasts the destructive works of the flesh with the beautiful fruit the Spirit grows in those who belong to Christ. This week, we explore what it means to live under the Spirit's influence daily.

## DAY 1 – Walk by the Spirit

Scripture: *Galatians 5:16 and Romans 8:4*

What does Paul mean by "*walk by the Spirit*" beyond just trying harder to do better—and how does relying on the Spirit's power rather than your own willpower look practically?

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What does Romans 8:4 teach you about the Spirit enabling what the law could never accomplish in you?

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## DAY 2 - The Conflict Within

Scripture: *Galatians 5:17 and James 4:1*

How do you personally experience the conflict Paul describes between flesh and Spirit?

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According to James 4:1, what desires fight within you and make obedience difficult? List specific things that happened over the last week.

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## DAY 3 - Works of the Flesh

Scripture: *Galatians 5:19-21 and Ephesians 4:17-19*

Which of the “*works of the flesh*” does Paul list that you see most present in our culture today?

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How does Ephesians 4:17-19 describe the danger of letting the flesh shape your lifestyle and thinking?

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## DAY 4 – Fruit of the Spirit

Scripture: *Galatians 5:22-23 and John 15:4-5*

Which aspect of the fruit of the Spirit do you sense God growing most in you right now?

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According to John 15:4-5, why is abiding in Christ essential for producing spiritual fruit?

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### Prayer

## DAY 5 – Keeping in step with the Spirit

Scripture: *Galatians 5:24-26 and Colossians 3:1-3*

What does it practically mean to “*crucify the flesh*” as described in Galatians 5:24?

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How can setting your mind on things above (Colossians 3:1-3) help you “*keep in step*” with the Spirit each day?

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### Prayer

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

### Prayer

Scripture: *Galatians 5:16–26*

Which fruit do you need most in your life at this moment?

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What are the factors that make it difficult to bear fruit in all circumstances? How do you apply “*walking in the Spirit*” during these times?

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How does keeping in step with the Spirit, according to Galatians 5:25, look different from simply trying to imitate the fruit through your own effort—and what daily rhythms help you remain dependent on His power rather than your willpower?

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In what specific areas of your live has Christ already secured victory according to Colossians 2:15 and 1 John 5:4-5—and how does believing this truth change the way you face ongoing struggles?

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### **Close in prayer**

## Week 8 – Alive in Christ – Dead to the World

**MEMORY VERSE** - *May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*  
*Galatians 6:14*

### Introduction to this week's study

The world lures us into many traps and if we are not careful, we can become entrapped. Paul's words in Galatians 6:14 reveal a radical identity shift: because of the cross, the world no longer defines us, controls us, or owns our allegiance. In Christ, we are free from the world's values and alive to God's purposes. This week explores what it means to boast only in the cross and to live as those crucified to the world.

## DAY 1 - Boasting in the Cross

Scripture: *Galatians 6:14 and 1 Corinthians 2:2*

What does it mean to “*boast in the cross*,” and how is this different from boasting in your own achievements?

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According to 1 Corinthians 2:2, why does Paul refuse to build his life on anything except Christ crucified? How can you apply this to your own life?

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## DAY 2 - Crucified to the World

Scripture: *Galatians 6:14 and Romans 6:6*

What does Paul mean when he says, “*the world has been crucified to me*”?

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How does Romans 6:6 help you understand your old life being put to death with Christ? In what ways are you “*putting to death*” your old ways?

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## DAY 3 - The World's Grip Is Broken

Scripture: *Galatians 6:14 and Colossians 1:13-14*

How has Christ's cross broken the power the world once held over your identity?

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According to Colossians 1:13-14, what does it mean to be transferred from the domain of darkness into the kingdom of Christ?

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## DAY 4 - A New Way of Seeing

Scripture: *Galatians 6:14 and 2 Corinthians 5:16-17*

How does the cross reshape the way you see yourself, your purpose, and your future?

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According to 2 Corinthians 5:16-17, what does it mean to view everything through the lens of being a “*new creation*”?

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## DAY 5 - Living Free From the World's Approval

Scripture: *Galatians 6:14 and 1 John 2:15-17*

What worldly values or pressures do you feel most tempted to chase, and how does the cross free you from them?

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How does 1 John 2:15-17 help you set your affections on things that last rather than things that fade?

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## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

Scripture: *Galatians 6:11-18*

Galatians 6:14 and 1 Corinthians 1:18 show the power of the cross—what makes the cross the only thing worth boasting in today?

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Galatians 6:14 and Romans 6:11 describe being dead to the world—what does this look like practically?

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According to Galatians 6:14 and Colossians 3:1-3, how does setting your mind on Christ help weaken the pull of the world?

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Galatians 6:14 and Philippians 3:7-8 challenge our values—what “*gains*” does the world celebrate that Christ calls us to count as loss?

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Galatians 6:14 and Matthew 16:24 call believers to die to self—how can our group encourage each other to live cross-shaped lives?

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**Close in prayer**





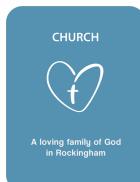
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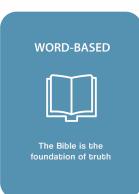
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