

## Equipped 2 - Children of God – Galatians 3:26-4:7 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021

### Introduction

All of us have thoughts where we assess ourselves by our p\_\_\_\_\_

How our culture can add to this:

### The blessing of being God's child

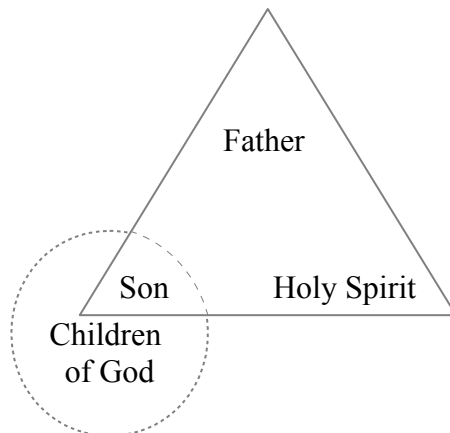
- > Faith in Christ → We are “in Christ J\_\_\_\_\_” - u\_\_\_\_\_ to Christ.
- > Christ – Eternal S\_\_\_\_ of God the F\_\_\_\_. We are c\_\_\_\_\_ of God
- > When the Father looks at us he sees C\_\_\_\_\_’s performance
- > Adoption – the greatest b\_\_\_\_\_ brought about by the gospel
- > God the Father – the perfect F\_\_\_\_\_

“So near, so very near to God, I cannot nearer be;  
For in the person of his Son, I am as near as he.  
So dear, so very dear to God, more dear I cannot be;  
The love with which he loves the Son, such is his love to me.”

### The fruit of being God's child

We are c\_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 2:20)

We have been brought in the life of  
God, the T\_\_\_\_\_



- > Clothed with C\_\_\_\_\_ (3:27)
- > No distinction – equally v\_\_\_\_\_ (3:28)
- > Heirs (3:29, 4:7)

> Holy S\_\_\_\_\_ (4:6)

Things in the Christian life that are possible because of the Holy Spirit:

“The Father sent his Son that we might have the status of sonship; he sent his Spirit that we might have the experience of it.” (John Stott)

### Serving as God's child

- > Wrong reason – To earn God's f\_\_\_\_\_.  
“Elemental spiritual forces” (4:3, 8-9) – Jewish and Gentile ways of trying to earn God's favour through obeying the law
- > Right reason – To p\_\_\_\_\_ our Father.  
Love for him and others; seeking his glory

“We don't serve in order to gain acceptance. Rather, our acceptance sets us free to serve.”

### Resources

- > “Orphans versus sons” sheets
- > “The gospel-centred life” course (Robert Thune and Will Walker)  
– we did this in Life groups a few years ago

### To reflect on / think about

- > For those not yet trusting in Christ: What's holding you back from trusting and so becoming a child of God?
- > For those trusting in Christ: Do you know in your heart as well as your head that you are a deeply loved child of God? How can you remind yourself of this regularly?
- > Does what we've heard today help with any of the things holding people back from serving we thought about last week?

> Pray about it!