"Children of God" Pastor Jeff Alexander June 19, 2016

Galatians 3:23 Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. **24** So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. **25** Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

The Law of God always <u>accuses</u>. We can never be saved by what we <u>do</u> or <u>don't do</u>.

Galatians 3:26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, **27** for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Faith <u>receives</u> all that God has to give.

To those who belong to Him by faith, God gives a completely new identity in Christ.

Galatians 4:1 What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. **2** The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. **3** So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. **4** But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, **5** to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. **6** Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." **7** So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

God's timing is always perfect, even when we don't understand it.

Through "adoption to sonship," every <u>privilege</u> Jesus possesses is given to those who believe.

"Child of God" is the label we wear no matter our age. We belong to God!