

# WELCOME TO THE FAMILY! GAL. 3:24-28

**Galatians 3:24** Wherefore the law was our **schoolmaster** (παιδαγωγός) to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

**Galatians 3:25** But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a **schoolmaster** (παιδαγωγόν).

**Galatians 3:26** For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

**Galatians 3:27** For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ **have put on** (ἐνεδύσασθε) Christ.

**Galatians 3:28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

## The family of God is multi-everything! How does this work?

**Ephesians 3:14** For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **Ephesians 3:15** Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

### 1. We get in / into the family by faith alone!

**Galatians 3:26** For ye are **all** the children of God **by** faith in Christ Jesus.

Everyone knows what it feels like to be on the outside → with no hope of getting in!

Everyone gets in / into the same way:

- Because of Christ
- By faith alone!
- Not by good works...or good looks...or good brains...or good skin color...or good anything else!

**Galatians 2:16** Knowing that a man is **not** justified by the works of the law, **but** by the faith of Jesus Christ, **even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that** we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and **not** by the works of the law: **for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.**

**Galatians 3:6** **Even as** Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

**Galatians 3:11** But that **no man** is justified by the law in the sight of God, **it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.**

### 2. We stand out as family members by baptism!

**Galatians 3:27** For as many of you **as** have been baptized into Christ have put on (ἐνεδύσασθε) Christ.

#### Basic, simple thoughts:

- Baptism **always** follows salvation
- Faith → salvation → baptism
- Baptism is **always** of believers

Credobaptism NOT pedobaptism!

- Baptism is only **by** immersion
- Baptism **points back** to salvation
- Baptism is public NEVER private
- Baptism identifies us with Christ = His death, burial, & resurrection!
- Baptism is a public testimony of faith in Christ
- Baptism **points back** to our union with Christ
- Baptism makes us **stand out** as believers &/ followers of Christ!

**Matthew 28:19** Go ye therefore, and **teach** all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

**Acts 2:37** Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? **Acts 2:38** Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. **Acts 2:39** For the

promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. **Acts 2:40** And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. **Acts 2:41** Then they that gladly received his word were **baptized**: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

**Acts 16:30** And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? **Acts 16:31** And they said, **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved**, and thy house.

**Acts 16:32** And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. **Acts 16:33** And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; **and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.** **Acts 16:34** And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, **believing in God with all his house.**

**Acts 8:12** But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

**Acts 8:36** And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, **See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?** **Acts 8:37** And Philip said, **If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.** And he answered and said, **I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**

**Acts 8:38** And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they **went down (κατέβησαν ἀμφοτέροι) both into the water (εἰς τὸ ὕδωρ)**, both Philip and the eunuch; and **he baptized (ἐβάπτισεν) him.** **Acts 8:39** And when they were come up (ἀνέβησαν) out (ἐκ τοῦ ὕδατος) of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

**Acts 16:14** And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, **heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.** **Acts 16:15** And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

**Acts 18:8** And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, **believed** on the Lord with all his house; **and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.**

**Romans 6:3** Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his **death?** **Romans 6:4** Therefore we are **buried** with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was **raised up** from the dead by the glory of the Father, **even so we also should walk in newness of life.**

### **3. We fit in the family because of Christ!**

**Galatians 3:28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: **for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**

**Colossians 3:11** Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: **but Christ is all, and in all.**

**1 Corinthians 12:13** For by **one** Spirit are we all baptized into **one** body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been **all** made to drink into **one** Spirit.

#### **Thoughts:**

- **Brothers & sisters because of Christ**
- **Same family**
- **Same Father**
  
- **Same salvation**
  
- **Same laws → the laws of Christ**
- **Same standing**
  
- **Same relationship with God**
- **Same love → no second class kind!**