

Title: Who Are The Children Of Abraham?

Text: Galatians 3:6-9

Main Idea: Are you a child of Abraham and a recipient of his blessing?

Division Statements:

1. The Children of Abraham are not children by physical descent (v. 7).

This is the plain teaching of the vers for “only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.” The truth is further verified by comparing other texts, namely the exchange in John 8:39 and following and Romans 9:6-8. Moreover, Genesis 17:4-5 tells us that the blessing that would come to the nations through Abraham would be the blessing of sonship.

2. The Children of Abraham are those who believe like Abraham believed (vv. 6 -7).

The Judaizers appealed to Moses. Paul goes back farther and appeals to Abraham and the testimony Moses gave about the father of the faith. It is valuable, I think, to take the listener back and give a brief chronology of God’s dealings with and promises to Abraham.

3. The Children of Abraham are those who inherit his blessing (vv. 8-9).

Though there are many facets to this blessing, two aspects of our inheritance are specifically mentioned in the immediate context and should therefore be discussed here:

a. This blessing includes justification (v. 8).

b. This blessing includes the Holy Spirit (v. 14).

Bridging From Text To Sermon

Textual Idea: Paul explains to the churches how one becomes a child of Abraham and inherits his blessing.

Sermon Proposition: Are you a child of Abraham and a recipient of his blessing?

Interrogative: Who are the true children of Abraham?

Transition: The text gives three facts that help identify the children of Abraham.

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