

BEING CLOTHED WITH CHRIST

We will begin by examining our lesson text by the following three homiletical points.

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| • Baptized into Christ | (Gal.3:26-27) | Sons | Clothed with Christ |
| • Body of Christ | (Gal.3:28) | Same | Equality in Christ |
| • Belong to Christ | (Gal.3:29) | Seed | Heirs of promise |

Today's lesson will focus on Gal.3:26. **“For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”**

The Greek word for baptize is baptizo. It refers to being identified with whatever an article is immersed in or 'covered with'. This word was used in dyeing industry – a white cloth immersed into red dye became 'covered with' a red cloth. Therefore being baptized into Christ meant 'becoming like' or 'clothed' with Christ.

This lesson will study TWO aspects of what it means to be baptized into Christ and thus clothed with Christ.

1. The Holy Spirit baptizes every church age Believer into Christ at the moment of salvation.

The Greek word baptizo is an **aurist tense, passive voice and indicative mood**.

Aurist tense; meaning that it occurs at a point of time, divorced from time or at the moment of salvation. It is one of the **eight works of the Holy Spirit** at salvation.

- Adoption (Gal.4:4-7)
- **Baptism (Gal.3:26-29)**
- Indwelling (1 Cor.6:19-20)
- Regeneration (Titus 3:5-7)
- Spiritual life (Eph.2:5)
- Spiritual gift (1 Cor.12:11)
- Sanctification (Rom.15:16)
- Sealing (2 Cor.1:22)

Passive voice; meaning that the Believer is baptized by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor.12:13).

Indicative mood; meaning that the baptism of Holy Spirit is the mechanics of being clothed with Christ.

2. Every Church Age Believer baptized into Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit clothes himself with Christ.

Every Church Age Believer is clothed with at least **20 status privileges**. The Greek word for clothed is an **aurist middle indicative**.

- **Aurist tense;** meaning that the baptism of Holy Spirit clothes every Believer because of union with Christ at moment of salvation.
- **Middle voice;** meaning being clothed with Christ benefits every church age Believer.
- **Indicative mood;** meaning that the reality of being clothed with Christ is that, as a Believer in Christ you received these 20 status privileges the moment you believed the Grace Gospel of Christ.

Every Believer is clothed with at least 10 positions of Status:

- Brethren and beloved (1 Thess.1:4-5)
- Child of promise (Rom.9:8-9)
- Chosen (Eph.1:4-5)
- Firstborn (Rom.8:29-30)
- New Creation (2 Cor.5:17)
- Possessor of eternal life (1 John 5:11-13)
- Righteous (+R) (2 Cor.5:21)
- Son of God (Gal.3:26) and
- Son of Light (Eph.5:8-9; John 1:4-9)]

Every Believer is clothed with at least 10 Status Privileges:

- Ambassador (2 Cor.5:18-21)
- Christ's slave (1 Cor.7:22-23)
- Body of Christ (1 Cor.12:12-27)
- Calling (2 Tim.1:9)
- Citizen of heaven (Phil.3:20)
- Eternal Inheritance (Heb.9:15)
- Joint-Heir (Rom.8:16-17)
- Living stone (1 Pet.2:4-5)
- Priest (1 Pet.2:5, 9) and
- Saint (Rom.1:7)

If you wish to review more information on these 50 Status Privileges I encourage you to go to our website www.doctrinalstudies.com and click on the link entitled "**50 THINGS FREE**".