

### What is our <u>Identity</u>?

**General identity** 

We are children of God.

Specific identity

Who are you, in Christ, living as a child of God?

If we are going to live the Gospel, we must rediscover our identity as children of God.

#### **New Clothes**

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Galatians 3:26-27 NASB

Jesus, who am I when I am clothed in you?

### Infants under Guardianship in the Now & the Not Yet

What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. <sup>2</sup> He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. <sup>3</sup> So also, when we were children (infants), we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world.

Galatians 4:1-3

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## Royalty in the Now & the Not Yet

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.

Galatians 4:4-5

### A Heart for <u>Abba</u> Every Day

Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

Galatians 4:6-7

Every day we must experience God's love for us and live as children of God.

# **Next Steps**

Recommended reading:

The book of *Galatians*Practicing the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence

The Good and Beautiful God by James Bryan Smith

Abba's Child by Brennan Manning

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