

**THIS 'DEVO' was written from his cell in FoxLake Wisconsin USA, a few days ago.**

Marshall has served 22 years of a double homicide life sentence. We met by email on July 31, 2020, as I was preparing to launch the website. Marshall wrote his first Devo which I edited and posted on Facebook on Nov 1, 2020. He, along with his wife (Married Nov 1, 2022 - they met in 2019, Jessica was hired to manage programs at the New Lisbon Correctional Centre - and it was Jessica who introduced me to him). I dearly love this couple which has produced over 1,300 Devos (as Marshall and I call them.)

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**Today's Devo:**

**May 19, 2026 - Galatians 3:7 - being children of God**

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Galatians 3:7

Hi Everyone!

When God made His covenant with Abraham, He promised that he would be a great nation, and all the nations of the world would be blessed through him.

That means that not only during his time, but also to where we are today, we are the recipients of Abraham's blessing.

There are two different types of people receiving the blessing of Abraham: those who have placed their faith in Jesus for salvation, and those who are yet to place their faith in Jesus for salvation.

Just because we are the potential recipients of Abraham's covenantal blessing, doesn't mean we have it.

We have to place our faith in Jesus in order for Abraham's blessings to be dispensed to us.

So there are Jews and Muslims who won't receive the blessing of being Abraham's children, because they won't receive Jesus, who came from Abraham's bloodline.

Today, we will look at Galatians 3:7, being children of God.

***"Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham."***

The word "***faith***" means "reliance upon Christ's death for salvation as the only ground of justification before God, saving faith."

Being of the faith, we have accepted God's gift of salvation.

In Romans 10:9-10, the Bible says, ***"That if thou shalt confess with the mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."***

This is how we are saved, and there is no other way but through Jesus that we become saved.

In John 14:6, the Bible says, ***"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."***

Jesus is the only way. Paul was preaching against the Judaizers, who were telling Christian Gentiles that they have to essentially become Jewish in order to be fully saved. They counted on the Law and their lineage for salvation, but Jesus is the only way!

The word "**children**" refers to the posterity of Abraham, the sons or descendants of Israel, the Israelites.

Paul is trying to teach both the believers, the Jews, and the Judaizers that lineage, merely being Abraham's biological descendants will not allow them to partake in salvation.

In Matthew 3:8-9, the Bible says, "**Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.**"

John the Baptist was telling the Jew to not rely on their lineage, and think that is the requirement for salvation. He said God can turn stones into the children of Abraham!

In Luke 19:8-9, the Bible says, "**And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day salvation is come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.**"

Lineage didn't matter. Zacchaeus' repentance mattered to Jesus.

In John 8:39, the Bible says, "**They answered and said unto Him, Abraham is our father. Jesus said unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.**"

## HEADS UP: 6. CHILDREN OF GOD

Our position as children of Abraham depends on our works of faith, not our works for salvation.

In Romans 4:12-13, the Bible says, ***"And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised. For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, but not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith."***

People who don't believe in Jesus for salvation cannot be the children of Abraham, neither will they somehow get into heaven on their lineage or their works. Faith in Jesus is the only way!

God Bless!

Marshall & Jessica