

SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY: RESTORED IN CHRIST — SONS & DAUGHTERS

Based on the message by Chad Everett

OVERVIEW

In this message from the Spiritual Authority: Restored In Christ – Sons & Daughters series, Chad Everett teaches from Galatians 3 on receiving by faith, living as sons and daughters, and becoming the family of God together.

Beginning with Paul's challenge to the Galatians, Chad examines the difference between trying to earn God's favor through performance and receiving what God has already provided through grace. Using the Greek word *lambano*, he explains that faith does not convince God to provide; faith receives what God has already chosen to provide.

Through faith, believers receive salvation, righteousness, miracles, and every promise God has made available through Jesus Christ. Faith does not make God willing. Faith positions us to possess what grace has already provided.

From this foundation, Chad shows that faith does more than connect us to God—it makes us sons and daughters in His family. Referencing a message by Banning Liebscher, Chad challenges the church to examine whether we have viewed church as a restaurant or as a family.

A restaurant exists to serve customers. A family thrives when everyone contributes.

God never intended the church to be a place where people simply attend services, consume spiritual content, and leave disconnected from one another. The church is a family where sons and daughters serve, encourage, disciple, and strengthen one another.

This message calls believers to move beyond consumer Christianity and embrace God's design for a Family of Faith that grows together in relationship with Jesus.

HOW TO USE THIS STUDY GUIDE

Read* → *Respond* → *Reflect

Open your Bible. Read the Scripture carefully. Let the Word answer the questions.

As you work through this guide, keep your Bible open and allow Scripture to shape your understanding. The goal is not simply to remember sermon points, but to encounter Jesus, hear His voice, and apply His Word personally.

This guide is designed for individual study, family discipleship, and Roads Groups.

SECTION 1 — RECEIVING WHAT GOD HAS PROVIDED

Focus

Faith receives what God has already provided through grace.

Read

Galatians 3:1–5, Ephesians 2:8–9

Respond

1. According to Galatians 3:1, what concern does Paul express to the Galatians?
2. In Galatians 3:2, what question does Paul ask about how they received the Spirit?
3. According to Galatians 3:3, what mistake were the Galatians in danger of making?
4. According to Galatians 3:5, how does God supply the Spirit and work miracles among them?
5. According to Ephesians 2:8–9, what does God provide by grace, and how do believers receive it?

Reflect

- Have I ever believed I needed to earn something from God?
- Where am I relying more on performance than faith?
- What promise of God do I need to receive rather than strive for?

Further Scripture Reading

Romans 5:1–2, Hebrews 11:6, 2 Peter 1:3

SECTION 2 — SONS AND DAUGHTERS THROUGH FAITH

Focus

Our identity as sons and daughters comes through faith, not performance.

Read

Galatians 3:6–9
Galatians 3:26–29

Respond

1. According to Galatians 3:6, what did Abraham believe, and what was accounted to him?
2. According to Galatians 3:7, who are the sons of Abraham?
3. What does Galatians 3:8 say God preached to Abraham beforehand?
4. According to Galatians 3:26, how do believers become sons of God?
5. According to Galatians 3:28–29, what does belonging to Christ mean for believers?

Reflect

- Do I approach God as a son or daughter, or as someone trying to earn approval?
- How does my identity in Christ affect my obedience?
- What areas of my life reveal a performance mindset?

Further Scripture Reading

Romans 8:14–17, John 1:12–13, 1 John 3:1–2

SECTION 3 — TRUTH, OBEDIENCE, AND FAITH

Focus

Knowing the truth is not the same as obeying the truth. Faith receives what God has spoken and responds to Him.

Read

Galatians 3:1–5, John 14:6, John 17:17

Respond

1. According to Galatians 3:1, what truth were the Galatians being pulled away from obeying?
2. In John 14:6, how does Jesus describe Himself?
3. According to John 14:6, how does anyone come to the Father?
4. In John 17:17, what does Jesus say is truth?
5. How do these verses connect obeying the truth with following Jesus and His Word?

Reflect

- Is there an area where I know the truth but have not been obeying it?
- Do I treat God's Word as information or as truth to live by?
- What would obedience from love look like in my life this week?

Further Scripture Reading

James 1:22–25, Matthew 7:24–27, 2 Corinthians 13:5

SECTION 4 — BORN OF THE SPIRIT

Focus

The Christian life begins in the Spirit and continues by the Spirit, not by striving in the flesh.

Read

Galatians 3:3, John 3:3–6, Philippians 1:6

Respond

1. What question does Paul ask in Galatians 3:3 about beginning in the Spirit and being made perfect by the flesh?
2. According to John 3:3, what must happen for a person to see the kingdom of God?
3. How does Jesus describe the difference between flesh and Spirit in John 3:5–6?
4. According to Philippians 1:6, who began the good work in believers?
5. What confidence does Philippians 1:6 give about the work God began?

Reflect

- Have I tried to begin with faith but continue by my own effort?
- Where do I need to trust the Holy Spirit instead of relying on my flesh?
- How does Philippians 1:6 encourage me in the process of growth?

Further Scripture Reading

Romans 8:9–11, Galatians 5:16–25, Titus 3:3–7

SECTION 5 — LIVING AS A FAMILY OF FAITH

Focus

Faith makes us sons and daughters, and sons and daughters are called to live as the family of God.

Read

Galatians 3:26–29, Philippians 1:6

Respond

1. According to Galatians 3:26, what is the basis of our sonship?
2. According to Galatians 3:27, what does it mean that believers have “put on Christ”?
3. What does Galatians 3:28 reveal about unity among those who belong to Christ?
4. According to Galatians 3:29, what identity and inheritance belong to those who are Christ’s?
5. How does Philippians 1:6 help believers think about growing together as God continues His work in them?

Reflect

- Do I view church more as a place I attend or as a family I belong to?
- Who might God be calling me to encourage, serve, or connect with?

- What practical step can I take this week to strengthen the Family of Faith?

Further Scripture Reading

Acts 2:42–47, Romans 12:4–5, 1 Corinthians 12:12–27, Ephesians 4:15–16, Hebrews 10:24–25

FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

Through faith, God has made us sons and daughters and welcomed us into His family.

We do not earn our place through performance, nor do we receive God's promises through striving. God provides by grace, and we receive by faith. As sons and daughters, we are invited to possess what He has already provided and walk confidently in our identity in Christ.

But faith does more than connect us to God. Faith connects us to one another.

God is building a family—not a crowd, not an audience, and not a restaurant full of consumers. He is building a people who serve one another, encourage one another, pray for one another, and help one another mature in Christ.

Ask the Lord this week:

“Who do You want me to encourage?”

“Who do You want me to serve?”

“Who do You want me to connect with?”

You have something to offer, and God is asking for it to be activated in your life. As every son and daughter takes their place in the family, the body of Christ grows stronger, healthier, and more mature in Him.