

SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY: RESTORED IN CHRIST — SONS & DAUGHTERS

Based on the message by Chad Everett

OVERVIEW

It's one thing to grow up hearing about Jesus, attending church, youth group, camps, and conferences. Even to know Bible stories and give the right answers.

But it's something different to know the truth and live by it.

In this message from Galatians 3, Chad Everett challenges believers to understand what it means to receive from God through faith. The Christian life does not begin through performance, and it does not continue through performance. It begins by faith and continues by faith.

Chad explains the Greek word *lambano*, which means to receive something that has already been provided. God is the provider. We are the receivers. Faith does not convince God to do something. Faith receives what God has already made available through Jesus Christ.

This message also challenges believers to think about their identity. Are you trying to earn God's approval, or are you living as a son or daughter who already belongs to Him?

Finally, Chad uses the picture of a restaurant versus a family to challenge the modern church. Many people approach church asking, "What can I get?" But healthy families ask, "How can I contribute?" God is not calling you to simply attend church. He is calling you to become part of His Family of Faith.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Read → Respond → Reflect

- Open your Bible, read the Scriptures, and let God's Word answer the questions.
- Be honest with yourself and with God as you work through the study.
- Ask Him to show you areas where you may be striving instead of trusting, and consider how your faith affects your daily life, relationships, and involvement in God's family.
- This study is not just about understanding faith—it is about learning to live as a son or daughter of God and helping strengthen His family.

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. What concern does Paul express in Galatians 3:1?
2. According to Galatians 3:2, how did believers receive the Spirit?
3. What mistake were the Galatians making in Galatians 3:3?
4. According to Galatians 3:5, how does God supply the Spirit and work miracles?
5. According to Ephesians 2:8–9, what does God provide by grace, and how do believers receive it?

REFLECT

- Do you ever feel like you have to earn God's approval?
- Are there areas where you are trusting your performance more than God's promises?
- What is something God has already provided that you struggle to believe is available to you?
- Do you spend more time striving or trusting?
- What would change if you truly believed God is the provider and you are the receiver?

Further Scripture Reading

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

SECTION 2 — WHOSE APPROVAL ARE YOU LIVING FOR?

FOCUS

Your identity comes from belonging to Christ, not from proving yourself.

READ

Galatians 3:6–9, Galatians 3:26–29

RESPOND

1. What was credited to Abraham according to Galatians 3:6?
2. Who are the true sons of Abraham according to Galatians 3:7?
3. According to Galatians 3:26, how do believers become sons and daughters of God?
4. What does Galatians 3:28 teach about unity in Christ?

5. According to Galatians 3:29, what belongs to those who belong to Christ?

REFLECT

- What currently influences your identity the most?
- Where do you look for approval: God, friends, sports, grades, relationships, social media, or something else?
- How would your decisions change if you were completely secure in God's acceptance?
- Are you trying to earn what God has already given?
- What does it mean to live from your identity instead of for your identity?

Further Scripture Reading

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

SECTION 3 — KNOWING TRUTH OR OBEYING TRUTH?

FOCUS

Knowing truth is not enough. Faith responds to truth with obedience.

READ

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

RESPOND

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

REFLECT

- Is there a truth from Scripture that you know but have not been living?
- Are you more influenced by God's Word or by culture?
- What area of your life needs greater obedience right now?
- What distractions make obedience difficult?
- If Jesus is the truth, what does following Him look like this week?

Further Scripture Reading

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

SECTION 4 — BEGINNING AND CONTINUING IN THE SPIRIT

FOCUS

The Christian life begins through faith and continues through faith.

READ

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

RESPOND

1. What question does Paul ask in Galatians 3:3?
2. According to John 3:3, what must happen for someone to see God's kingdom?
3. What distinction does Jesus make between flesh and Spirit?
4. Who began the good work in believers according to Philippians 1:6?
5. What confidence does Philippians 1:6 give us?

REFLECT

- Where are you trying to change yourself without depending on God?
- What does trusting the Holy Spirit look like in your daily life?
- How do you respond when spiritual growth feels slow?
- Are you trying to impress God or follow God?
- What area of your life needs greater dependence on Him?

Further Scripture Reading

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

SECTION 5 — FAMILY OR CONSUMER?

FOCUS

Faith places believers into God's family, where everyone contributes and helps one another grow.

READ

Galatians 3:26–29, Philippians 1:6

RESPOND

1. According to Galatians 3:26, what is the basis of our sonship?
2. What does it mean to be clothed with Christ in Galatians 3:27?
3. What unity does Paul describe in Galatians 3:28?
4. According to Galatians 3:29, what identity and inheritance belong to believers?
5. How does Philippians 1:6 encourage believers as they grow together?

REFLECT

- Do you approach church more as a consumer or as a contributor?
- Are you helping anyone grow spiritually?
- Who has helped you grow in your walk with Jesus?
- Who might God be asking you to encourage, serve, or connect with?
- If everyone participated in church the way you do, what kind of church would it become?

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 you a son or daughter and welcomed you into His family. You do not have to earn His acceptance because God has already provided everything you need through Jesus Christ. Faith receives what grace has provided, but faith is not just about you, it connects you to God's family. This week, ask God who He wants you to encourage, serve, and connect with, and how you can help strengthen the Family of Faith. God is building more than individual believers. He is building a family.