



Introduction

We can become children of God.



Questions

1. What did God do to enable us to be his adopted children?
2. What has God done for us because we are his children?
3. How are we like Isaac?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 7** A child who is an heir is no different from a bondservant before he inherits. So we used to be bondservants in the natural order of things. But God sent his Son so that we can be adopted by him as his children (see theme)
- **v 8 to 11** Paul is dismayed that they want to go back to the law
- **v 12 to 20** Paul is perplexed about the difference in the Galatians' attitude from when he first visited them
- **v 21 to 31** Paul contrasts being in bondage to the law and the freedom of being children of promise

Timeline AD 60 (see below)



Theme

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A selection of verses showing how we can become children of God.

John tells us how we become children of God. Talking about Jesus he says:

John 1 verses 12 and 13

Paul echoes the same sentiments to the Galatian believers:

Galatians 3 verse 26

Paul tells the Corinthian believers that they must have a different attitude from non-believers to become God's children:

2 Corinthians 6 verses 16 to 18

He tells the Philippian believers that children of God must be examples to those around them:

Philippians 2 verse 15



Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 4 and 5, Q 2: v 6 and 7, Q 3: v 28



Bible timeline

