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E:Connect is a short class designed to help you learn who we are, what we believe, and how to get connected.

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Baptism

Baptism is a public declaration of faith for those who have placed their faith in Jesus. Learn more or take your next step at



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Our **E:Note** email helps you stay connected beyond the weekend with updates, stories, and next steps from around Emmanuel.

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Jan. 24 & 25, 2026 | The Promised Fulfilled 4 | Galatians 3:23-29 | Joshua Wilhite, pastor

A QUICK REVIEW...

If you try to justify yourself with rule-keeping...

1. You're CRAZY. (Galatians 3:1-9)
2. You're CURSED. (Galatians 3:10-14)
3. You're CONFUSED. (Galatians 3:15-22)
4. You're CHILDISH. (Galatians 3:23-29)

CHILDHOOD

*Galatians 3:23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. 24 So then, the law was our **guardian** until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a **guardian**,*

1. The Law was given as a GUARDIAN.
 - a. A "PEDAGOGUE" (παιδαγωγός // pie-da-go-GOS) was a servant who managed children for safety and discipline.
 - b. To be "CAPTIVE" (φρουρέω // phrou-RE-oh) was to be watched and guarded.
 - c. To be "IMPRISONED" (συγκλείω // soon-CLAY-oh) was to be hemmed in and confined.
2. Some kids FIGHT the rules, and some FALL in line.

- Growing up means a changed relationship with our CARETAKER.

Ask Yourself

How would I describe my relationship with the rules?

ADULTHOOD

*Galatians 3:26 for in Christ Jesus you are all **sons** of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have **put on Christ**. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, **heirs** according to promise.*

- Through faith alone, CHRIST'S sonship becomes OUR sonship.
- By "putting on" (ἐνδύω // en-DUE-oh) Christ, we each take on His STATUS as a mature adult heir in God's household.
 - Our BAPTISM is an outward expression of an inward reality.
 - Our INHERITANCE is an unprecedented equalizer.
- Grownups look through a GOSPEL lens.
 - Regardless of our stories, we relate to God as though His LOVE is everything He says it is.
 - Regardless of our distinctions, we relate to believers as people who are wrapped in JESUS.

Ask Yourself

What is my next faithful step to align my idea of spiritual maturity with God's?

Ask the Lord

Heavenly Father, thank you for your relentless love for us. Jesus, thank you for laying down your life and making a way for us to find life through You. Holy Spirit, thank you for the transformation you are working to accomplish in us. God, help us to stand firm in gospel freedom.

SERIES SCHEDULE

Date	Scripture	Message
Jan. 3-4	Galatians 3:1-9	The Promise Fulfilled 1
Jan. 10-11	Galatians 3:10-14	The Promise Fulfilled 2
Jan. 17-18	Galatians 3:15-22	The Promise Fulfilled 3
Jan. 24-25	Galatians 3:23-29	The Promise Fulfilled 4
Jan. 31 - Feb. 1	Galatians 4:1-11	Sons & Daughters 1
Feb. 7 - 8	Galatians 4:12 - 20	Sons & Daughters 2
Feb. 14- 15	Galatians 4: 21- 5:1	Sons & Daughters 3
Feb. 21-22	Galatians 5:2-12	Walk by the Spirit 1
Feb. 28 - Mar. 1	Galatians 5:13-18	Walk by the Spirit 2
Mar. 7-8	Galatians 5: 19-26	Walk by the Spirit 3
Mar. 14-15	Galatians 6:1-10	Walk by the Spirit 4
Mar. 21-22	Galatians 6:11-18	Walk by the Spirit 5