



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of October 24 & 25, 2020

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text

Galatians 3:23-29

If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, <http://hawaiichurch.org/sermononline>

Summary

In our passage today, the Apostle Paul contrasts the cold impersonal imagery of a jailer in a prison and a slave guardian/disciplinarian, to the warm family imagery of being adopted as sons of God. Pastor Dan exhorted us to not allow our culture to define who we are based on race, wealth, or gender. Rather, we are to believe and live out the fact that first and foremost, we are in Christ, clothed with Jesus Christ, immersed in Him. and united to the Son of God.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you ever find yourself trying to “barter with God”? Why is this an unchristian thing to do? What does this say about your view of yourself and of God?
2. What does it mean that the Abrahamic covenant of promise is “unilateral” and the Mosaic covenant of law is “bilateral”? Why is it so important that God's promise to Abraham, and by extension, His promise to us (that we would become sons of Abraham and therefore co-heirs with Jesus Christ) is a “unilateral” promise?

3. If you are a Christian, what does it mean to you, that you are “in Christ”? Why is it so important to contemplate and remind ourselves of what this means, each and every day?
4. How is obedience to the law different from the obedience of a son? Think about why you obey God. Is it out of fear? Or does it come from something else? If something else, why do you obey God?
5. What place does “California Pride”, “Asian Pride”, “Local Pride”, or any other similar “pride”, have in the life of a Christian? Why is “in Christ” and “outside of Christ” the only category that really matters.