D.N.A., Jesus in me (Part 3) "I Am Clothed in Christ"

(Galatians 3:27, 28)

Introduction: Today we are too much about what we do and not enough about what we are! Knowing who I am, explains a lot about what I do! The study of DNA, tells us who we are! Doing a scriptural DNA test, tells us who we are now.

The Christian life is a changed life! We know this because scripture verifies it over and over (2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20) But, the Christian life is also an exchanged life (Gal. 2:20; 3:27) If who we are explains why we do what we do, let the evidence be revealed; my DNA of Jesus in me shows me, I have exchanged my life for Christ's and I am now "clothed in Christ!"

In Paul's letter to the Galatians, he is explaining how a life of faith, is a life lived by being clothed in Christ (How it works)...

I. Clothed in Christ in <u>baptism</u>: (v. 26, 27a)

Here, Paul is not referring to water baptism. It is...

A. Not the physical act -

- 1. The ordinance of baptism -
- 2. This act of baptism cannot saves us –
- Baptism in the Bible speaks of death (Rom.6:1ff)
- Salvation comes from God alone (Eph. 2:8,9)
- Only Christ can save yet Christ never baptized anyone! (Jn.4:2) It is...

B. The Holy Spirit's act –

- 1. At the moment of salvation (Rom. 8:9)
- 2. We physically become the temple (1 Cor. 6:19)
- a. He lives in us,
- b. And, it is by this act, (Col. 1:27)!

Phil 3:9 Paul reminds us -

2 Cor 5:21 tells us -

Paul is telling us – All who have been saved by faith in Christ, are spiritually baptized, placed into, and made one with Christ!

Our lives are now clothed or hidden in His righteousness!

What does this mean for you and me?

Eph 4:22-24 tells us –

Col 3:10 tells us.

II. Clothed in Christ in <u>behavior</u>: (v. 27b)

- 1. Being one with Christ does more than make a connection to Christ.
- a. The old you was corrupt (Eph 4:22)
- **b.** The old you was crucified -(Rom 6:6)
- c. The new you is complete (Col 2:10)
- d. The new you clothed in Christ is in direct contrast to the old you –
- 2. Being one and clothed in Christ gives me the character of Christ. (Rom. 12:1, 2; Eph. 4:17; Eph. 5:1, 2a; Eph. 5:8, 15)

 Jesus said the way to discern whether we belong to Him is by the

fruit of our lives (Matt. 7:16-20). (1 John 2:3-4; 1 John 3:6; 1 John 5:4-5; Gal. 5:22-23; Rom. 8:15-16).

How can I put on Christ like this? (2 Cor 4:16; 2 Tim. 3:16)

- III. Clothed in Christ in the <u>body</u>: (v.28)
 - A. Every believer stands on the same footing –
 - **B.** Every believer starts with the same faith (Rom.10:12)
 - C. When it comes to the body (Heb. 10:25)
 - 1. The Hebrews author was explaining how to help one another persevere in the faith,
 - 2. The New Testament writers were constantly admonishing their readers to come together: (1 John 3:11; Acts 2:45-46; Js 1:27; Eph. 4:32).
 - 3. As Christians indwelt by the Holy Spirit, clothed in Christ, our faith should bring us together—

Conclusion: Our life is hidden in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit who baptizes us (makes us one) with Christ, which changes our behavior (in mind, spirit and walk) and makes us one with the body (all others who are in Christ) who can encourage us — and who we can encourage to be and live who they are!

My DNA, Jesus in me says, "I am one who is clothed in Christ!" That's who I am!