

Old Fashioned Easter Egg Hunt --- Join us for an Old Fashioned Egg Hunt! Bring your little ones, from birth to 5 years old for an egg hunt and your Ist - 5th graders for fun-filled relays from days gone by--sack races, balance the egg and more! See the Easter Bunny and hear the Easter message shared through puppets. Fun crafts, snacks and face painting. Saturday, April 15, 10 amnoon at the Frazer Soccer Fields. Invite a friend to visit Frazer!

Egg Hunt Volunteers --- We can't do it without you! Please volunteer to bring the joy of Easter to our children at Frazer Atlanta Hwy., with egg hunts, crafts, games and the Easter story told through puppets. We need help with setup, decorations and throughout the 2-hour event Saturday, April 15, 10amnoon. We also need homemade cupcakes! Please contact Kim at khendrix@frazerumc.org or 495.6397.

Baptism Sunday—April 2 --- Is God leading you to respond to Christ through baptism? Our next celebration of the sacrament of baptism will be Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 12:15 pm. To participate, sign up for baptism orientation with Karen South by emailing ksouth@frazerumc.org.

Frazer Children's Camp --- Send your children on a fun adventure this summer! Children's Camp is June 5-7 for rising 1st-3rd graders (\$175) and June 5-9 for rising 4th-6th graders (\$300). Contact Pam Cofield at pcofield@frazer.church to register.

Spring Break --- We will not have Wednesday Night Supper, children's programs, student programs, or adult Bible studies this week due to Spring Break. Choir will still have rehearsal.

Men's Adult Slow Pitch Softball --- If you are interested in playing men's church league softball contact Frazer's Sports & Fitness Ministry at 495-6459.

Fourth Thursday ---- Join us for Older Adults' Fourth Thursday Games and Fellowship March 23 at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served at 11:45 for a cost of \$5. No reservations necessary.

Flower Dedications ---- If you would like to dedicate Sanctuary flowers in honor or remembrance of a loved one or in celebration of an anniversary, sign up at the board in the library outside of the East Sanctuary.



SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

COUNTERFEIT CHRISTIANITY

Finding the Real Truth that will set you free

Counterfeit Christianity Week 3—Free in Christ Galatians 3-4

The Gospel According to Galatians...

• The good news that we are saved by **<u>grace</u>** through <u>**faith**</u> in <u>**Christ**</u>.

Example #1: God's Covenant With Abraham

• By **grace**, God blesses his people. Through **faith**, God's people receive His blessings.

"In the same way, 'Abraham believed God, so God declared him righteous because of his faith.' The real children of Abraham, then, are all those who put their faith in God. What's more, the Scriptures looked forward to this time when God would accept the Gentiles, too, on the basis of their faith. God promised this good news to Abraham long ago when he said, 'All nations will be blessed through you.' And so it is: All who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith." Galatians 3:6-9 NLT

Example #2: God's Covenant with Moses

• God's law exposes our **guilt**. God's law reveals our **weakness**.

"This is what I am trying to say: The agreement God made with Abraham could not be canceled 430 years later when God gave the law to Moses. God would be breaking his promise. For if the inheritance could be received only by keeping the law, then it would not be the result of accepting God's promise. But God gave it to Abraham as a promise. Well then, why was the law given? It was given to show people how guilty they are." Galatians 3:17-19a NLT • In Christ, we become one <u>family</u>.

"So now, through faith in Christ, we are made right with God. But now that faith in Christ has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian. So you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have been made like him. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male or female. For you are all Christians -- you are one in Christ Jesus. And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and now all the promises God gave to him belong to you." Galatians 3:24b-29 NLT

• In Christ, we become God's **sons** and **daughters**.

"We were slaves to the spiritual powers of this world. But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. And because you Gentiles have become his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, and now you can call God your dear Father. Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, everything he has belongs to you." Galatians 4:3b-7 NLT

• In Christ, we inherit God's **promises**.

"And you, dear brothers and sisters, are children of the promise, just like Isaac...we are not children of the slave woman, obligated to the law. We are children of the free woman, acceptable to God because of our faith." Galatians 4:28, 31 NLT

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