The People That Makes the Church Run Well

Gal. 3:1-9, 26-29

Introduction:
A. The Galatians had at one time obeyed the truth (v. 1)
   1. They had run well in Christ (5:7)
   2. They had turned to “the flesh” again as the basis of their relationship to God.
B. The Galatians needed to be reminded of the kind of people they were so they could run well again.

Discussion:
I. They Were God’s Children by Faith (v. 26)
   A. Had become such of the “hearing of faith” (vv. 2, 3)
   B. Had become the real children of Abraham (v. 7)
   C. Had the right to call God Father (4:6-7)
II. They Were Christ’s (v. 29)
   A. By purchase (1 Tim. 2:16; Acts 20:28)
   B. By having:
      1. Been born again (1 Pet. 1:18-19, 22-23)
      2. Obeying the truth (1 Pet. 1:22)
III. They Were Abraham’s Seed (v. 29)
   A. Promise included Gentiles (vv. 6-9)
   B. Promise fulfilled in Christ (vv 15,16)
IV. They Were One in Christ (v. 28)
   A. All in Christ are in one body (1 Cor. 12:20; Eph. 4:4; Eph 1:22-23).
   B. All are reconciled unto God in one body (Eph. 2:13-16)
V. They Had Been Baptized into Christ (v. 27)
   A. Baptism reason given for being children (vv. 26, 27)
   B. Baptism and salvation (Mk. 16:15, 16; 1 Pet. 3:21)

Conclusion:
A. All five expressions describe the same people.
B. Won’t you become this kind of person – one that runs well for the Lord.