Obeying the Truth
Gal. 3:1; 5:7

Introduction:
A. Galatians once obeyed the truth. (5:7).
   2. Had turned to “the flesh.”
      a. To a fleshly relationship, Abraham’s descendants.
      b. To a fleshly sign, circumcision.
      c. To a fleshly covenant, law of Moses.
B. Galatians reminded of who they had become in obeying the truth by using five equivalent expressions:

Discussion:
I. “You Are All Sons (Children) of God by Faith in Christ Jesus” (v. 26).
   A. Joint heirs with Christ. (Rom. 8:12-17).
   B. Right to cry “Father”. (Rom. 8:15; Gal. 4:6).
   C. Right to expect glory to be revealed. (Rom. 8:18,19).
II. “You .. Were Baptized into Christ”. (v. 27).
   A. Baptism given as reason for being children - “For as many..”
   B. Baptism puts one into:
      1. Christ. (v. 27).
         a. In whom we have salvation. (Mark 16:16; 1 Pet. 3:21).
         b. In whom we have remission of sins. (Col. 1:14; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16).
      2. The church made up of the saved. (1 Cor. 12:13; Acts 2:47).
III. “You Are All One in Christ Jesus.” (v. 28)
   A. All those in Christ in one body. (1 Cor. 12:20; Eph. 4:4; 1:22,23).
   B. All those reconciled to God in one body. (Eph. 2:13-16).
IV. “You Are Christ’s.” (v. 29).
   A. He purchased us. (1 Tim. 2:16; Mt. 20:28; Acts 20:28).
      1. Redeemed have obeyed truth. (v. 22).
      2. Redeemed with responsibility. (1 Cor. 6:19-20).
V. “You Are Abraham’s Seed.” (v. 29).
   A. Heirs of promise rather than of flesh. (3:7-18)
      1. Promise to all nations (3:8).
      2. Inheritance based on faith, not genealogy.
   B. Heirs of Abraham because of “seed” (Christ) not “seeds” (National Israel) (3:16).
      1. Fleshly Israel no longer God’s special people.
      2. Spiritual Israel is God’s special people. (cf. 1 Pet. 2:9,10).

Conclusion:
A. So, all five expressions for the same people.
B. Have you become one of these people by obeying the truth?
C. Have you become so foolish as to quit obeying the truth?