

The Children of Zion:  
Family, Children, and the Church  
*Galatians 3:26-4:31*  
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- I. Introduction – Paedocommunion, paedobaptism, the family and the Church
  - Institutional primacy; who begets whom?
- II. Why are you here?
  - WSC #1 – 1 Cor. 10:31
  - Sabbath and worship – Gen. 2:2-3
  - Sabbath and the life of God – Exod. 31:17, 23:12; Psalm 95:11
- III. Marriage and the Church
  - Eve as Sister – Gen. 2:22-23
  - Sister-Brides – Gen. 4:17, 20:12; 1 Cor. 9:4-5; Song of Songs 4:9-12; Deut. 27:22
  - Marriage, Inter-Trinitarian life & the Church – 1 Cor. 11:3, Eph. 5:30-32
    - Nicene, Athanasian Creed
    - God and Church as Archetypes
- IV. With whom does God speak?
  - “To the saints” – Eph. 1:1, Col. 1:2; Exod. 20:12
  - “Hear, O Israel” – Exod. 20:18; Deut. 4:2, 5:2-4;
    - Children and the Shema – Deut. 6:4-9
    - Covenantal promises, “to your children” – Acts 2:39
- VI. Who owns my children?
  - Circumcision, Baptism & Identity – Gen. 21:4-5; Luke 1:59, 2:21
  - Why do you have children – Ezek. 16:17-21
  - Church and family life – Psalms 127 & 128; Ps. 137:5-6
  - “The hearts of the fathers” – Mal. 4:5-6, Luke 1:16-17, 3:7-8
    - Tribalism and idolatry – Luke 4:24-27, 9:59-62, 12:51-53, 14:26; John 11:47-50; Phil. 3:5-8, 18-20
  - The Church as Mother – Gal. 4:25-26
    - Baptism and the Church – Matt. 28:18; Gal. 3:27-29, 4:6-7; Acts 2:39
      - Infants are Christians, too – Exod. 21:22-23; Ps. 139:15-16
    - Communion and the Church – Matt. 28:19; 1 Tim. 3:15; Matt. 16:18-19; John 20:23; Luke 22:14, 28-30; 2 Chron. 35:1-11; Ezra 6:19-20
    - Accounting for souls – Acts 20:28; Heb. 13:17; James 3:1
- VII. Points of Application
  - Worship
  - Scripture memorization
  - Music education
  - Character training
    - Discipline
    - Instruction
- VIII. Conclusion: “Who’s your Daddy?” – Gal. 4:6