

## **“Put On Christ”**

Main Text: Galatians 3:23-29  
(Isaiah 65:1-9; Luke 8:26-39)

It is important to remember that the Spirit of God dwelt in Christ. The Word became flesh and pitched a tent, but in that tent was the Spirit of God. In Galatians, Paul is now inviting us, who have been given the Spirit to dwell in us, to put on Christ. This means that we show forth the will and presence of God in our lives and the church as Christ did. We are to wear Christ on the outside as a reflection of God's Spirit dwelling on the inside. This reading from Isaiah reminds us that even though Israel has failed to reflect a righteous relationship with God and lost everything, God's forgiveness and grace always provides hope. The fullness of that forgiveness was embodied in Christ, and we are invited to put on Christ and receive the blessing. This story in Luke's Gospel of the Legion of demons that had invaded that man's life had not only infected him on the inside but also showed itself on the outside. Jesus drove out those demons and his life was changed inside and out. When we allow God's Spirit to dwell in us, we will naturally put on Christ as well. Free from that which infected his innermost self, he was able to show it on the outside as he was led by the Spirit to declare how much God had done for him.