

**Series "No Other Gospel"
"God's Enduring Promise"
Galatians 3:19-29
Study-7**

Paul asks a question: Galatians 3:19 – "Why the Law then?" – If a person is made right through faith and receives Abraham's blessings, why did God give the Law? Galatians 3:24

Law could not give us The Holy Spirit, Galatians 3:1-5.

Law could not give us the righteousness of God, Galatians 3:6-9.

Law could not give us the blessing, Galatians 3:14.

Law could not change the original covenant, Galatians 3:15-18.

Galatians 3-4 – Gospel of Grace Explained: (Doctrinal)

The Thought Of The Passage: "The Law Is Necessary, Not In Making One Righteous, But In Exposing Sin, In Order To Lead Us To Christ."

1. Verses 19-22 – Life Is Not By Law

2. Verses 23-24 – Life Under The Law

3. Verses 25-29 – Life In Christ

1. Verses 19-22 – Life Is Not By Law:

Galatians 3:19 – "Why the Law then?" – Paul has shown that the Law has the power to place every person under a curse because all are under sin. So, Paul now wants to explain God's use for the Law.

Exodus 19:8; Hebrews 12:18-21; 1 John 4:18

The Law Was Added: "It was added" – literally "it was placed before" because of transgressions; God brought the Law because of sin.

"transgressions" – "to cross over a known boundary." Man has crossed and knows it is wrong!

Andrew Jukes said, "Satan would have us to prove ourselves holy by law, which God gave to prove us sinners."

It was given to restrain the fallen human nature.

The purpose of the Law was to reduce the amount of sin that could be committed.

Romans 5:13; Romans 4:15

The Law Needed A Mediator: "having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator," – The origin of the Law was by God through Moses. It was at Mount Sinai, Exodus 19.

Mediator – This was Moses. He represented both parties. He represented God and the people.

"ordained through angels" – This is what Stephen said to the counsel, Acts 7:53.

The angels – Speak of the divine interest in God's dealings.

These are created beings that God brought into existence, Hebrews 1:14.

The Law Was Temporary: "until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made."

The seed is a reference to Jesus Christ, Galatians 3:16.

"until" – That the coming of Jesus terminated the historical purpose of the Law.

"promise had been made." – John 1:17.

Colossians 2:14

The Promise Needed No Mediator: Galatians 3:20.

"Now a mediator is not for one party only;" – The procedure of a mediator is essential in ratification of a conditional covenant between two different interests.

"whereas God is only one." – But an unconditional covenant needs no mediator because it is based solely on God. God is the one that will carry it out!

1 Timothy 2:5

For Man – He is the only way to the Father – John 14:6.

For God – He was the means of reconciling the world to the Father. 2 Corinthians 5:19.

Galatians 3:21

The Law Is Not Against The Promises: "Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God?"

"May it never be!" – The problem is not the Law but man's misunderstanding and misuse of the divine purpose of the Law.

The Law Cannot Give Life: "For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law."

"The Law could tell men what to do, but it could not supply the power to do it." Romans 8:3-4

The Law Prepares Men To Receive God: Galatians 3:22.

2 Timothy 3:16 – "All Scripture is inspired by God" – Not most, not some, but all!

"has shut up everyone under sin," – This term "has shut up" speaks of "a net that has closed up on all corners leaving no escape."

Romans 3:19; Romans 4:5

2. Verses 23-24 – Life Under The Law:

Galatians 3:23

The Law Was A Guard: "But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law,"

"being shut up" – The picture is a prison by which every act is being watched by the Law. There is no escape from detection.

"to the faith which was later to be revealed." – The Term "The faith" is what brings us into the right relationship with God, it also is a term that speaks of our relationship with God.

The Law Was A Tutor: Galatians 3:24.

"Therefore the Law has become our tutor" – The term "Tutor or Schoolmaster" means "child guide, child leader, or conductor."

A Tutor To Bring Us To Christ: "to lead us to Christ," – Show us our need.

A Tutor To Bring Us To Justification By Faith: "so that we may be justified by faith."

3. Verses 25-29 – Life In Christ:

Galatians 3:25 – “But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.”

The Law has done its work; we do not obey the Law to be justified, we practice it because we are.

Galatians 3:26

Sons Of God: “For you are all sons of God” – This is the result of a person that is justified by faith; they are sons of God.

“through faith in Christ Jesus.” – It is by faith alone that makes us sons.

Galatians 3:27

Baptized Into Christ: “For all of you who were baptized into Christ”

1 Corinthians 12:13

Put On Christ: “have clothed yourselves with Christ.”

Oneness In Christ: Galatians 3:28.

Abraham’s Seed: Galatians 3:29.

Application:

1. The Law Is Meant To Restrain The Fallen Human Nature.
2. The Law Was Given To Show People That They Are Sinners.
3. The Law Exposes Sin. The Law Cannot Give Life.
4. The Law Prepares Men To Receive God.
5. The Law Has Accomplished Its Goal When We Are Saved.