

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

THE GOSPEL AND THE LAW Galatians 3:15-25

Main Thought: In Galatians 3:15-25, we discover that the key to living the Christian life is found in the gospel promise not obedience to the Old Testament Law.

1. THE LAW _____ THE _____
_____. (vv 15-18)

- 1) "Promise" refers to God's promise to _____ (Gen. 12:1-3; 15:1-21). A _____ covenant.
- 2) The promise involved being _____ by _____.
- 3) The law came _____ years _____ the promise.

2. THE LAW IS _____ THAN THE PROMISE.
(vv 19-20)

- 1) The law was _____.
- 2) The law required a _____, a bilateral covenant.
- 3) The promise was _____ and didn't need a mediator.

3. THE LAW IS _____ TO THE PROMISE. (vv 21-24)

- 1) The law was not given to _____.
- 2) The law was given to reveal the _____ of _____.
- 3) The law was given to _____ us for and _____ us to Christ.

4. _____ AND THE _____. (v 25)

- 1) Christians are _____ under the _____ Testament law.
- 2) Christians _____ under the law of _____ contained in the _____ Covenant (Gal. 6:2; 1 Cor. 9:21; Mark 12:32-33)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read Galatians 3:15-25.

2. What promises spoken to Abraham is Paul talking about?
(See Gen. 12:1-3; 15:1-21)

3. What law is Paul talking about that was introduced 430 years later? (See Ex. 20)

4. What is the parallel point Paul wants to make about covenants that people make between themselves and the covenant God made with Abraham?

5. Through whom were the promises to Abraham fulfilled?
(3:16) What is the distinction between “seed” and “seeds?”

6. What was the relationship of the law to the covenant?
(vv 17-18)

7. Does God change as circumstances change? What did God promise that we can be sure that he will do? (v 17-18)

8. In Verse 17, Paul says the law does not do away with the promise; so what is its purpose? (see vv 19 and 23 and Romans 3:20) Can you identify both a negative and positive purpose?

9. What can't the law do? (v 21)

10. How is relating to God through the law like being kept in prison (v. 23) or being supervised (v. 25)?

11. If you had lived in Old Testament times, how would you have benefitted from living under the law?

12. How would you use this passage with someone who thinks that keeping the Golden Rule or Ten Commandments is what's needed to get right with God?

13. If a Christian is not under the OT law, are we under any law? If so, what law are we under? (See Romans 6:1-14; Hebrews 8:7-13; Gal. 6:2; 1 Cor. 9:21; Mark 12:32-33)