

**“Out with the Old...In with the New”
Galatians 3:15-29**

INTRODUCTION:

I. Why the Law? (vv.7-20)

- A. First, a description of the Law (vv.7-14)
1. The Law has ALWAYS served the Gospel (vv.7-9)
 - a) Faith saves, not the Law
 - b) The Scriptures (OT) have always preached the gospel
 - c) **Romans 4:16-17**
 - d) Centers on the Promise
 2. The Law justifies NO ONE (vv.10-18)
 - a) Law reveals the curse of sin
 - b) Righteousness is by Faith alone (**Habakkuk 2:4**)
 - c) Apart from curse there is no Gospel
 - d) Christ became the curse the Law brought for those who believe
 - e) Christ brought the blessing of God's promise for those who believe
 3. An Example
 - a) Just appealing to human law, there is a sense of "even more so" with this argument
 - b) Of Covenant Promises (by showing the Law is not the Promise)
 - c) Revealing the Law administered the Promise for God's people
 - d) Showing that the Promise is kept by God Himself, not God's people
 - e) **Galatians 2:21**
 - f) **(A Similar argument with connection to Christ's purpose in death) Hebrews 9:15-22**

B. Because of Sin (vv.19-20)

1. Sin and its consequences existed before the Law
 - a) **Romans 5:12-14**
 - b) The Law gave detail and description to sin and its consequences
 - c) Because God is Holy, sin has to be dealt with... the Law reveals these truths
 - d) Speaking, I believe, of God's agents (angels) used in the delivery of the Law on Mt. Sinai, yet saying it is a single work of the one True God. This bolsters the fact that God is not divided in person or His purposes.
 - e) **Romans 7:7-12**
2. Leading to Redemption in the promised Offspring

C. To Imprison Everything Under Sin (vv.21-22)

1. Law does not bring life, but shows why the Promise does
2. So that the promise in Jesus Christ would be given to those who believe
3. **Hebrews 6:13-20**

II. From Presence to Promise (vv.23-29)

A. The Law is death to those who disbelieve

1. The Law was never intended to save...It's always been bound to God's Promise
 - a) This gives us some insight into how people were saved in the OT before Christ came (**Hebrews 11 includes Jews and Gentiles alike**)
 - b) Those who followed God in the OT were saved because of accredited righteousness through the gift of faith, faith in the Promise of God (His covenant promise to those who believe)
 - c) The Law is only life in that it points to the only Righteous Law-Keeper who is the fulfillment of God's

Promise, bearing the curse men deserve under the Law

2. The Law protects and teaches about the Promise
 - a) The law protects God's people
 - b) The law teaches that righteousness is by faith alone (not the keeping of the law)

B. The Promise is Life to those who believe

1. Jesus is the Promise
2. Those who believe are made heirs with Christ

APPLICATION:

- So, in the book of Hebrews, we will see the glorious Promise of God, Jesus Christ, revealed as both SUPREME and ALL-SATISFYING.
- As binding as sin is, Christ sets us free, both from the curse that sin brings (death & wrath) and to eternal life (as co-heirs with Christ).
- Now, we must examine where we are:
 - Are you still living in the bondage of sin, revealed by the Law? Are you bound by lust, hatred, covetousness, idolatry of material possessions?
 - Are you bound by the works of Law, trying to earn God's favor by your own traditional standards by being moral, ethical, church-attending, yet not admitting that you are no good at all, relying only on Christ to bear the curse you deserve and giving you eternal life?
 - Are you, perhaps, like the Galatians who claimed to be true believers, but were living out their faith adopting practices of the Law (like circumcision) as if anything could be added to Christ?
 - Grace through FAITH ALONE!