

The Law and the Promise Galatians 3:19-29

The law reveals our ruin. Galatians 3:19-22

- **The law was given to be a spotlight on our sin**
“You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together. You shall not wear a material mixed of wool and linen together. You shall make yourself tassels on the four corners of your garment with which you cover yourself.” (Deuteronomy 22:10-12)
- **The law completely exposes our inability to hustle our way into our own salvation**
“What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, “You shall not covet.” (Romans 7:7,9)

“The law shows us that we don’t just ‘fall short’ of God’s will, requiring some extra effort to do better, but that we are completely under sin’s power, needing rescue.” J.C. Ryle

The promise reveals our remedy. Galatians 3:23-25

- **The law served as both as guardian and a tutor**
“But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ...” (Galatians 3:23-24)
- **Faith in Christ alone leads to salvation, nothing more, nothing less**
“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin...” (Romans 8:2-4)

“Salvation in Christ does not rest in a law that we inevitably break; it rests on a promise that God cannot break.” Phillip Ryken

The result is we are one. Galatians 3:26-29

“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:26)

- We are children of God through adoption (v.26)
- We are clothed with Christ through baptism (v.27)
- We all stand on equal footing regardless of...everything (v.28)
- We are all set free together (v.29)

Digging Deeper:

Some background:

The Law of Moses was essentially the constitution for governing the nation of Israel. After God chose Abraham to be the father of this Jewish nation in Genesis 12, He later called Moses to govern the land and pass on His instructions for an orderly society that was unique and separate from other nations. The laws had a number of topics:

- Laws about people, family and relationships. Exodus 21:15, 17; Leviticus 20:9; Numbers 27:6-8; 30:3-5
- Laws about things and land. Leviticus 25
- Laws on debt. Deuteronomy 15
- Laws on tithes. Numbers 18
- Laws on offending God. Exodus 22
- Laws on offending people. Leviticus 20, 21
- Laws on legal matters. Deuteronomy 17
- Laws on holiness and sacrifices. Leviticus 23

LifeGroup Discussion

How has your relationship with God changed?

In what ways do people see Jesus' attitude and deeds in your life?

How have you found peace and unity with people different from you?

How can we live by the Word of God today?

Where should God's Word be in our lives? 2 Corinthians 3:1-3.

We are living with the benefits of the new covenant. Where does God's law then reside? Jeremiah 31:33

Describe ways God's Word and law are revealed in your life, relationship, work place or neighborhood.

Next Steps

1. **Respond to the good news of Jesus Christ.** Come to the Prayer Points or find any leader at Calvary Church to pray with you about taking a next step toward surrendering to Jesus and living for His Kingdom. Learn more in the booklet "The Way" in the seat racks or visit our website at calvarylife.org/Jesus
2. **Connect with others to grow in your faith:** Calvary offers many ways for you to grow as a follower of Jesus. Learn about **Mentoring, LifeGroups, Equipping Classes, Care Ministries** and more by filling out **The Card** and dropping it in the offering or by visiting Connection Point in the Lobby today. calvarylife.org/grow
3. **Share the good news of Jesus with a friend.** Start praying that God will give you love, courage, opportunity and the words to say. Invest and invite your friends and family into a relationship with Jesus.