

Galatians

Chapter 3:18-29

I. **Galatians 3:18-22**¹⁸For if the inheritance *be* of the law, *it is* no more of promise: but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise. ¹⁹Wherefore then *serveth* the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; *and it was* ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. ²⁰Now a mediator is not *a mediator* of one, but God is one. ²¹*Is* the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. ²²But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

a. Inheritance

I. **If the inheritance be of law then it can't be of promise. God gave the covenant to Abraham based on promise.**

b. The law added

I. **Because of transgression**

- Romans 3:19** ¹⁹Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.
- Romans 3:20.** ²⁰Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.
- Romans 6:14** ¹⁴For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.
- Ephesians 2:15** ¹⁵Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of

commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, *so* making peace;

5. Romans 7:1-6 ¹Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? ²For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to *her* husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband. ³So then if, while *her* husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. ⁴Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, *even* to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. ⁵For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. ⁶But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

6. Neither James, Peter or John say that the law system has been done away.

II. Law was also a partition

1. Ephesians 2:14-15 ¹⁴For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*; ¹⁵Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, *so* making peace.

2. **Luke 23:45** ⁴⁵And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

c. Seed

I. **Singular seed is Jesus. Till the seed shall come again was the complete incarnation and death of Christ.**

1. **Colossians 2:14** ¹⁴Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

II. **Heavenly in origin**

III. **10,000 angels assisted in the giving of the Law**

1. **Deuteronomy 33:1-2** ¹And this *is* the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. ²And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand *went* a fiery law for them.

d. Mediator

I. **Moses was a mediator between Israel and God**

1. **II Corinthians 3:7** ⁷But if the ministration of death, written *and* engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which *glory* was to be done away:

2. **II Corinthians 3:13** ¹³And not as Moses, *which* put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

II. **The promise was directly to Abraham by God himself**

1. **Genesis 22:17-18** ¹⁷That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand

which *is* upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; ¹⁸And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

2. **God directly and personally better than there being another mediator.**
3. **God hasn't finished His covenant promises with them.**
4. **The same God who gave the promise, gave the law.**
5. **I Timothy 2:5-7** ⁵For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; ⁶Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. ⁷Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, *and* lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

6. Thus were spiritual sons of Abraham

- a. **Galatians 3:7** ⁷Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

e. The law is good

- I. **Romans 7:7**-⁷What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.
- II. **Romans 7:15-17** ¹⁵For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. ¹⁶If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it is* good. ¹⁷Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.
- III. **I Timothy 1:8** ⁸But we know that the law *is* good, if a man use it lawfully;
- IV. **Romans 7:12** ¹²Wherefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

V. **Romans 7:16** ¹⁶If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it is* good.

VI. **If the law could be followed completely by one person then the Lord would have to let them in heaven.**

1. **Romans 8:3** ³For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

2. **Romans 10:5** ⁵For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.

3. **Galatians 2:16** ¹⁶Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

f. All under sin

I. **People can never get saved if they don't know how lost they are.**

II. **Romans 3:9-10** ⁹What then? are we better *than they*? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; ¹⁰As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

III. **Romans 3:23** ²³For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

g. Promise by faith to them that believe

I. **Our faith in the death, burial and resurrection of Christ is our access to the promise.**

II. **Ephesians 1:13** ¹³In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

II. **Galatians 3:23-26** ²³But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. ²⁴Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. ²⁶For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

a. Before the faith way came, we were kept under the law.

People in the Old Testament exercised faith just not faith in Jesus Christ.

I. **Notice the time element regarding the promise and the law and faith. This is reminiscent of in Ephesians with the “time past”, “but now” and “ages to come”**

1. Verse 17= Before and After

2. Verse 19= Added and Until

3. Verse 23= Before and Afterwards

4. Verse 25= After and No longer

b. The Jews were kept under the law for 1500 years

I. **Now revealed. Kept secret.**

1. **Ephesians 3:9** ²What then? are we better *than they*? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;

2. **Romans 15:4** ⁴For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

c. Schoolmaster

I. **Schoolmaster Greek word *paidagōgós***- Strongs Con. from G3816 and a reduplicated form of G71; a boy-leader, i.e. a servant whose office it was to take the children to school; (by implication, (figuratively) a tutor ("pædagogues")):—instructor, schoolmaster.

II. **Outline of usage from BLB.org;** a tutor i.e. a guardian and guide of boys. Among the Greeks and the Romans the name was applied to trustworthy slaves who were charged with the duty of supervising the life and morals of boys belonging to the better class. The boys were not allowed so much as to step out of the house without them, before arriving at the age of manhood.

III. **Moral law**

IV. **The purpose of the law was to prepare the Nation of Israel for a great opportunity, the coming Messiah and subsequent Kingdom of Heaven.**

V. **Justified by faith**

1. **Romans 4:25** ²⁵Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

2. **Romans 5:1-2** ¹Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: ²By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

d. After that faith is come

I. **The Law was a temporary institution. The example of the schoolmaster was as a trainer until maturity, where the father said that the son no longer needs a schoolmaster.**

e. Children of God by faith

I. **This was not by keeping the law.**

II. **Romans 3:21** ²¹But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

III. **Titus 3:5** ⁵Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

III. **Galatians 3:27-29** ²⁷For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

a. Baptized

I. **No water**

1. **Romans 6:3** ³Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

2. **Romans 6:8** ⁸Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

3. **Galatians 2:20** ²⁰I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

a. **...crucified with Christ**

II. **One baptism today**

1. **Ephesians 4:4-5** ⁴*There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; ⁵One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

2. **I Corinthians 12:13** ¹³For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

3. **Colossians 2:12** ¹²Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

III. Paul not sent to baptize

1. **I Corinthians 1:17** ¹⁷For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

IV. Put on Christ

1. **Romans 3:20-21** ²⁰Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

2. **Romans 3:22** ²²Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

a. **The righteousness of God “upon”. He is our outer covering**

3. **His righteousness**

a. **Isaiah 61:10** ¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh *himself* with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth *herself* with her jewels.

b. **Romans 13:14** ¹⁴But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

b. All one in Christ

I. **Today in the body of Christ, there isn't a privileged people group or gender.**

c. Abraham's seed

I. **We become the offspring of Abraham in the realm of the Spirit.**

1. **Genesis 12:3** ³And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

2. **Abraham first to be saved by faith + nothing.**

II. **Joint heirs according to the promises**

1. **Romans 8:14-15** ¹⁴For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. ¹⁵For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
2. **Romans 8:16-17** ¹⁶The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: ¹⁷And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.
3. **Ephesians 3:6** ⁶That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:
4. **Galatians 4:7** ⁷Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.
5. **Titus 3:7** ⁷That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.