

## The Law vs. The Promise - Galatians 3:15-29

- I. Abraham's Promise is Superior to the Mosaic Law
  - A. It supersedes the law because it is unconditional, v. 15
  
  - B. Abraham's promise is of Christ, v. 16
  
  - C. Abraham's promise focuses on salvation, while the law focuses on obedience, v. 17-18
  
- II. The Law Condemns, the Promise Redeems, v. 19-25
  - A. The law increases our understanding of sin, v. 19a-b
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - B. The law highlights the need for Christ, v. 19c
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - C. The law stresses the inferiority of works, v. 19d-20
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - D. The law reveals our deadness and imprisonment, v. 21-22

E. The law is our custodian, bringing us to grace, v. 23-24

- III. The Superior Standing of Faith, v. 25-29
  - A. Once faith is attained, the law's job is complete, v. 25-26

B. The relationship of heirs, v. 27-29

- In what areas of your life have you relied more on your own efforts than on God's grace?
- How do you see the function of the Law in your everyday moral and spiritual decisions?
- How can you help others understand the distinction between living under the Law and living under the grace of Christ?
- In what ways have you experienced the differences between following rules and living by faith?
- What does it mean to be 'clothed in Christ' and how can that impact your identity as a believer?

Next Week: Galatians 4:1-11