

The Law, It's Not Optional, pt. 2

Galatians 3:19-25

I. Why the Law of God?

the law gives proof we are _____ and that it cannot _____ us before God.

The law in some ways is like _____. In some ways, the law makes us _____ so that Jesus can make us _____ and _____.

II. Does the Law Have Limits?

John Calvin commented that the first use of the law was to _____. The second use was to _____. The law also had limits in how it was given: through an _____. The Judaizers might have placed great emphasis on _____ having some role in the law but Paul here proclaims the limited nature of their influence. Paul doesn't even mention _____ by name, probably because the Judaizers idolized him and Paul was de-emphasizing him.

III. The Law and _____.

It's very easy to point Christians to a _____, even a _____ so as to prove their _____. Here's the problem: no matter how we might do for a few seconds but we will break God's law multiple times every single day. So

IV. The Law in Two Pictures (Ryken)

Paul gives us two pictures so how the law leads us to Christ. He first uses a picture from the _____ system. The law is like a _____ that keeps us locked up in sin's _____. We are inmates and the law is our _____. The law has penalties, it restrains and punishes us.

Being in a prison is not necessarily a bad thing 100% of the time. Paul's Deliverance. The law, similarly, kept the Jews in _____. It watched over them until _____.

The second illustration is in the word translated "tutor, guardian, schoolmaster." It is a translation of the Greek word "pedagogue." In wealthy Greek families, children were raised by

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pedagogues. This was from ages 6 until adolescence. This person would be part _____ and part _____.

Some depictions of pedagogues show a cane or rod in their hands.

The law was the pedagogue for the Jewish people. It told God's people what to do and punished them for not doing it. The law was to eventually work itself out of a job, just like the pedagogue.

The law today continues to _____ _____ and sometimes increases it and even imprisons us in our _____. The more the law imprisons us in our sin, the more it shows our need for _____ and _____ us to Christ.