

## Book of Galatians-Teaching #9

When looking at the Book of Galatians, we must remember that Paul is distinguishing between The Law (given by God to Moses on the mountain) and the Grace of God explained in detail by the Apostle Paul, by the Lord Jesus himself.

You cannot mix the two – they are oil and water – they do not mix. Under grace, God bestows blessings upon us without any part we try to play. Under law, God demanded righteousness behavior, under grace He freely gives it to us. Your scriptural references concerning this issue is;; **Exo: 19:5, John 1:17, Romans 3:21 and 10, 3-10**

**Romans 7:12-14** – “The law is holy, just, good and spiritual. Nothing wrong with the law as I have stated before, problem is with me.

When looking at the “law” the whole world is guilty before Him. Because of this, it produces in us of necessity, guilt and condemnation, death and a divine curse. That beautiful baby just born is born a sinner. Not because he has already sinned, but because he was born that way. The only way to escape that situation is to be re-born or born again. Look again at the verse **Galatians 3:13- Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us verse 14 that the blessings of Abraham might come to the gentiles through faith in Jesus Christ, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit, through faith.**

Christ bore the curse of the law and redeemed the believer from both the curse and from the dominion of the law (that is its power over us)

Remember beloved, the law neither justifies the sinner, nor sanctifies the believer.

That is the purpose of this Epistle. How is the believer sanctified or set apart to the Lord. The believer is both ‘dead to the law’ and redeemed from it, so that now he is no longer under the law, but under grace. According to **Hebrews,10:17** the law is now working within the believer rather than a set of rules outside the believer. *This is the covenant I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts and their minds will I write them.*

Here is an important principal at work and needs to be understood by us; in **Romans 8:2-4** and **Galatians 5: 16-18**, this new law of Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit is happening within us

Remember last time I told you that the “law’ was a tutor – a “school master if you will- until Christ came. But after He has come, we are no longer under that tutor we are under the principal of faith. **Galatians 3:25** Also, we are no longer children, but rather “sons” co-equal with our savior Jesus.

It is interesting to me that the Old Testament child (Jew boy) was no longer under this tutor once he became a Son or when the minor became an adult.

The law did not lead us to Christ, but was the guard rails until we come to Him. Once we come to Him, the guard rails are lifted and we walk as a new creation being led by the Holy Spirit. The reign of the law ends with the removal of the tutor as we now walk in faith with the Lord Jesus Christ. What ever we do beloved, do not allow yourself to go back under the tutor. Reject, with everything within you, to avoid going back under a set of rules to live by (law) You are placing a curse upon yourself if you do.

Question is then asked – Why then the law in the first place?

Paul answers with three statements - **#1** it was given only to Israel but was temporary from the start. Verses **19&20** **#2** God never gave the law to the Gentiles. The morality of the law was written in their hearts. (B.P. it is interesting to me that so many folks want the 10 commandments retuned to the classroom – total misunderstanding of the God given law by Moses) That is what we learned in **Romans 2:14&15** The ceremonial law was never given to the Gentiles The law was added, and was not a replacement for the promises given to Abraham (of which the Gentiles were included) and once the “seed” came (Christ) the law was superseded.

But you say, “the law was given with such glory;, how can you say it was only temporary? Paul answers their second question with: The law was given by angelic mediators, but God spoke directly to Abraham” God being one, was the only thing necessary and did not depend upon Abraham (as we discussed last time).

Again, the law could convict us for sin, but is unable to do anything about it. Can’t save us from sin. Only reveal it to us. That is what **Galatians 3:21&22** is telling us.

Paul was in the process of explaining to the Judaizers who knew that the law was given in such a glorious way, why it is not in affect in the life (as a set of outside rules – irrespective of type of rules) of the believer today. They – as many sincere believers today who desire to walk uprightly, but are looking to the flesh to accomplish this, are just wrong in their approach.

Sorry if this offends you, but truth just the same.

Remember beloved, if there had been a “law” that could have saved sinners, then God would have used that law rather than the cross. The law actually causes the sinner to trust God’s promises. It has no power to fulfill these promises.

The only way you and I can please God today is to take Him at His word. Believe what He says – period, by faith. Obedience and faith are latterly synonyms. They go together.

The issue of faith came as men failed under the law thus showing the need for a savior. Get it?

When the Apostle Paul confronted Peter at Antioch, that was what that was all about.

Now it is important to notice there that that is what Paul is talking about. – saved in the same manner – by faith.

So now we attack the question – What is the believers present position? **Verse 26** “*for you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus*”

First, we become “*sons of God*” This you will note is a direct creation of God. *Adam was a son of God, Angels are considered sons of God (direct creation of God) As a believer, you and I become a “New Creation” as sons of God. A direct creation by God Himself.*

If you note closely **verse 26** Paul goes from the Jews (plural) to the individual “YOU”-singular.

Now these adult believers have become *adult sons in Christ Jesus through faith in Him.* and were no longer under a slave-guardian.

Paul is asking the question, *why would you revert to an inferior status?*

If you note it properly, in the Apostle **John’s first Epistle verse 11** – He (Jesus) came unto His own, but his own received Him not. But (**verse 12**) as many as did receive Him, to them He gave the right to become Children (actually the word is Sons) of God, to those who believe in His name.

Point being, do not return to a former status as a child needing a tutor, but rely on the fact that you are now a “son” having been placed into a position of “adult son status” Stop acting as a child – grow up for you are already a son.

Pretty simple huh?

OK, moving on – **Galatians 3:27** “*for as many of you who were baptized into Christ, have put on Christ.*”

As Sons of God, we have been placed into Christ. He is now the clothing in which we stand. To me, in the same manner in which God clothed Adam and Eve with the bloody skins of the sacrificial animal. **Genesis 3:20.**

Paul does not mean here that we are: saved: by means of baptism. We are justified by Christ not by circumcision or baptism, but by faith in Him.

A side note here beloved, the key to understanding the book of Galatians is to understand two key pronouns. We and Us – Paul was a Jew writing to a Gentile church. When he uses the terms, we or us he is speaking as a Jew. When He uses the pronoun ye or you he is referring to the gentile.

In **verse 28** Paul says; *There is neither Jew or Greek (gentile), there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.* Since all believers become one in Christ Jesus, they lose their individual significance in His sight.

**Verse 29** – Believers in Christ are Abraham’s seed, and Christ is **the** seed of Abraham. And as His seed are heirs according to the promises made to Abraham.

To summarize this teaching I remind us that the Church does not receive the natural promises given to the Nation of Israel. We have no inheritance of land. Our inheritance is the Lord Himself and all His benefits. The believing Jewish ruminant that enters into the millennium received these promises. They are not given to the Church.

Those who believe in “replacement theology draw part of their position from this verse” We are not Israel, we are the Church and we both have different futures. See my teachings on **Romans 9-11**.

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