

**The Gospel in Galatians**  
Lesson #7 The Road to Faith

**Memory Verse**    **Hand Out Scriptures to read**

**Galatians 3:22** *But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.*

Gal 3:21–29; Lev 18:5; Rom 3:9–19; 1 Cor 9:20; Rom 3:1, 2; 8:1–4.

**The Law and the Promise**

**Galatians 3:21** (NKJV) *Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law.*

**Acts 21:20–21** (NKJV) *And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord. And they said to him, “You see, brother, how many myriads of Jews there are who have believed, and they are all zealous for the law; <sup>21</sup> but they have been informed about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs.*

**Acts 21:28** (NKJV) *crying out, “Men of Israel, help! This is the man who teaches all men everywhere against the people, the law, and this place; and furthermore he also brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.”*

**Leviticus 18:5** (NKJV) *You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.*

**Ezekiel 20:11** (NKJV) *And I gave them My statutes and showed them My judgments, ‘which, if a man does, he shall live by them.’*

**\*Deuteronomy 6:25** (NKJV) *Then it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to observe all these commandments before the Lord our God, as He has commanded us.’*

**Deuteronomy 24:13** (NKJV) *You shall in any case return the pledge to him again when the sun goes down, that he may sleep in his own garment and bless you; and it shall be righteousness to you before the Lord your God.*

**2 Kings 5:7** (NKJV) *And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy?”*

**Psalms 32:1–2** (NKJV) *Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

**“Kept Under Law” We And You**

**Galatians 3:23** (NKJV) *But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.*

**Galatians 2:15–16** (NKJV) *We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,*

**Galatians 3:26–29** (NKJV) *For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

**Neither Jew nor Greek**

**Romans 1:16** (NKJV) *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*

**Romans 3:1–2** (NKJV) *What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God.*

**Neither Slave Or Free**

**Ephesians 6:5–6** (KJV 1900) *Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ*

**Colossians 3:22** (NKJV) *Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.*

**Neither Male Or Female**

Is Paul suggesting in this verse men and women should share the same restrooms? Do biblical and physical distinctions between men and women of evaporate after we become Christians? No.

In fact, Paul is the one who makes the strongest statements in the New Testament, sometimes even difficult to understand, about the role distinctions between men and women, and husbands and wives.

**Through Christ we all have equal access to salvation and God.**

**\*Romans 3:22** (NKJV) *even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For **there is no difference**;*

**Romans 10:12** (NKJV) *For there is **no distinction** between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.*

### Christ Our Peace

**Ephesians 2:14–19** (NKJV) *For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, <sup>15</sup> having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. <sup>17</sup> And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,*

### What does he mean by “under the law”? 8 times

**Galatians 3:23** *But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.*

**Romans 3:19–20** (NKJV) *Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. <sup>20</sup> Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*

**Romans 6:13–14** (NKJV) *And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. <sup>14</sup> For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.*

\***1 Corinthians 9:20** (NKJV) *and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law;*

**Galatians 4:21** (NKJV) *Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law?*

### The Law as Our “Guard”

#### More like a guardrail

**Galatians 3:19** (NKJV) *What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.*

**Romans 4:15** (NKJV) *because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression.*

Don't go into the back yard..!

It was added because of transgressions; four hundred and thirty years after the covenant made with Abraham; it did not succeed it, nor take the place of it, and so make it null and void; but was over and above added unto it, for the sake of restraining transgressions; which had there been no law, men would not have been accountable for them; and they would have gone into them without fear, and with impunity; but the law was given, to lay a restraint on men, by forbidding such and such things, on pain of death; - John Gill

“In this Scripture [Gal. 3:24], the Holy Spirit through the apostle is speaking especially of the moral law. The law reveals sin to us, and causes us to feel our need of Christ and to flee unto Him for pardon and peace by exercising repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.”—Ellen G. White, *Selected Messages*, book 1, p. 234.

### The Law as Our Schoolmaster

From the Greek word *paidagogos*.

\***Galatians 3:24** (NKJV) *Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*

Aristotle was a tutor for Alexander the great.

**Genesis 35:8** (NKJV) *Now Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, and she was buried below Bethel under the terebinth tree. So the name of it was called Allon Bachuth.*

**2 Samuel 12:25** (NKJV) *and He sent word by the hand of Nathan the prophet: So he called his name Jedidiah, because of the Lord.*

Teachers use to be able to discipline their students.

### The Law and the Believer

**Galatians 3:25** (NKJV) *But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.*

**When we have the law written in our hearts the law written on stone becomes inferior.**

**Are we free to disobey when we have faith?**

**John 8:34** (NKJV) *Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.*

**Romans 3:31** (NKJV) *Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.*