

GALATIANS 3:15-25 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE LAW AND THE PROMISE - ([SERMON MP3](#))

1.) Some people try to go to Jesus without first meeting Moses. They want to skip the Old Testament and inherit the promise of justification in Christ without first feeling the pain of condemnation under the law. We all need the law to disclose the reality of our sinfulness, rebellion and guilt before a holy God. When the law humbles us, we are prepared to receive the good news of the gospel.

- ☼ *Why must we choose between relying on the law and relying on the promise?*

- ☼ *God's promise to Abraham was made a very long time ago. How do modern-day Christians participate in it?*

2.) Moses was given the law by God 430 years after God's promises of salvation to Abraham. So isn't the law an improvement on, or replacement for, the promises? If it is, we need to obey the law to be saved, right?

- ☼ *How does Paul deal with this idea in Galatians 3:15-18?*

- ☼ *What doesn't the law achieve (v. 21)?*

- ☼ *What does the law achieve (v. 22-23)?*

3.) Think back to your conversion, or the first time you understood the gospel. How did your view of God's law impact you then? How do you relate to it now?

- ☼ *How does knowing God's law increase your gratitude to Christ? What difference does it make to your affections (the inclinations of your heart, what shapes or drives your emotions)?*

- ☼ *In Galatians 3:21-25, Paul declares that the law was put in place until Christ came, and that it no longer has authority over us. Do you feel like you still have to obey the rules in order to be acceptable to God?*

- ☼ *If rules aren't a means of obtaining salvation, what is the purpose of the commands in the Bible?*

- ☼ *Why do you obey God's law? Do you ever obey it for the wrong reasons?*

