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Life, Liberty, The Pursuit – Part 4
Galatians 3:15-29

Today's Debate:

Galatian's Debate:

Why did God give us the Law?

Not to be our _____.

Gal. 5:15-18 *Brethren, I speak in terms of human relations: even though it is only a man's covenant, yet when it has been ratified, no one sets it aside or adds conditions to it. 16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ. 17 What I am saying is this: the Law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not invalidate a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise. 18 For if the inheritance is based on law, it is no longer based on a promise; but God has granted it to Abraham by means of a promise.*

- Covenant (V. 15) - _____
- God made a covenant with Abraham – _____
- The Law of Moses was not part of the covenant.
- Covenant was to Abraham and his Seed - _____

Why then did God give the Old Testament Law?

A. To illumine _____.

Gal 3:19-20 *Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made. 20 Now a mediator is not for one party only; whereas God is only one.*

- "Because of Transgressions" - to reveal sin - Rom 3:20, 5:13

Romans 3:20 *Because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.*

Romans 5:13 *For until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law.*

- "A mediator"
- "Until the seed would come."

B. To reveal _____.

Galatians 3:21 *Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law.*

- The Law reveals God's standard is perfection.
- The Law was never meant to become the means to righteousness.

C. To lead us to _____.

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

- "Shut up everyone under sin."

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. Read the Bible daily. (II Tim. 3:15-17)
2. Pray daily. (Mt. 7:7-11)
3. Participate in group worship weekly. (Hebrews 10:25)
4. Participate in a discipleship group. (Acts 2:46)
5. Observe a Sabbath day. (Mt. 11:28-30)
6. In joy, contribute 10% of your income to God's work. (Mt. 23:23)
7. Seek God's wisdom through fasting and spiritual counsel. (Acts 13:2)
8. Serve, work for justice, show mercy in Christ name. (James 1:27)



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