

The Law And the Promise

Galatians 3:15-25

The law keeps you from experiencing grace

A. The Superiority Of The Promise (3:15-18)

1. It Was Confirmed (3:15)

a. A confirmed covenant cannot be changed

b. If man does not change a covenant, then God certainly would not

Genesis 15:5

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A. The Superiority Of The Promise (3:15-18) - continued

2. It was established on Christ (3:16)

a. The promise is based on the Messiah, not the law

Romans 15:8

b. Christ is the only heir of the promise

Hebrews 1:2

c. The only way that we can participate in these blessings is to be a joint-heir with Christ

Romans 8:17

d. Salvation was and is through Christ alone

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A. The Superiority Of The Promise (3:15-18) - continued

3. It Was Before The Law (3:17)

a. In time

b. In result

Romans 4:1-3

4. It established our inheritance (3:18)

a. Not based on our performance

b. Based on God's promise

c. God is well able to keep His promise.

Hebrews 10:23

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B. The Inferiority Of The Law (3:19-25)

1. Its purpose made the law inferior (3:19a)

a. Answers the question “Why do we have the law?”

b. Demonstrates

1). Man is unable to please God by his own works

2). Man is utterly sinful and in need of God’s mercy

3). Man’s guilt

4). Man’s imperfection

We can never make it on our own

We need Jesus more than anything

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B. The Inferiority Of The Law (3:19-25) - continued

2. Its limitations made the law inferior (3:19b)

a. The law was temporary

b. God's promise to Abraham is eternal

**c. We are under the law of the Spirit of life in Christ
Jesus**

Romans 8:2

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B. The Inferiority Of The Law (3:19-25) - continued

3. Its mediators made the law inferior (3:19c-20)

a. Moses delivered the message of God's law to Israel

b. God dealt directly with Abraham

John 1:17

c. The promise required a payment that only Jesus could make

d. The law was based on man, but the promise is based on God

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B. The Inferiority Of The Law (3:19-25) - continued

4. Its deadness made the law inferior (3:21-22)

a. The law cannot impart life

b. The law exposes sin

c. The law inflicts the price of sin

d. The law imprisons the sinner

5. Its function made the law inferior (3:23-25)

a. Keeping the law keeps you from faith

b. The teaching of the law should take us to Christ

c. Faith in Christ fulfills the purpose of the law

Sons Of God
Galatians 3:26 – 4:7

All who trust in Jesus are sons of God

I. All Who Trust In Jesus Are Sons Of God (3:26-28)

A. Sons Through Creation Verses Redemption (3:26)

Galatians 3:26

For ye are **all** the children of God **by faith in Christ Jesus.**

- 1. God is the Father of all men physically**
- 2. God is not the Father of all men spiritually**

1 John 3:10

In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

I. All Who Trust In Jesus Are Sons Of God (3:26-28)

A. Sons Through Creation Verses Redemption (3:26) - continued

3. We are “all” saved the same way – through faith in Christ Jesus

John 14:6

**Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the
life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

I. All Who Trust In Jesus Are Sons Of God (3:26-28)

B. Sons In Christ (3:27)

Galatians 3:27

**For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ
have put on Christ.**

I. All Who Trust In Jesus Are Sons Of God (3:26-28)

B. Sons In Christ (3:27)

1. By baptism *into* Christ by faith alone

Romans 6:3-5

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

I. All Who Trust In Jesus Are Sons Of God (3:26-28)

B. Sons In Christ (3:27)

2. By putting on Christ

Romans 13:14

But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Ephesians 4:24

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Colossians 3:10

And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

**I. All Who Trust In Jesus Are Sons Of God
(3:26-28)**

**We are spiritually immersed into the
life of Christ**

I. All Who Trust In Jesus Are Sons Of God (3:26-28)

C. Sons In Spite Of Differences (3:28-29)

1. No distinction in origin (v 28)

Galatians 3:28

There is neither **Jew nor Greek**, there is neither **bond nor free**, there is neither **male nor female**: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:14

For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

I. All Who Trust In Jesus Are Sons Of God (3:26-28)

C. Sons In Spite Of Differences (3:28-29) - continued

2. No difference on destination (v 29)

Galatians 3:29

And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Ephesians 2:16-18

16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Galatians 4:1-7

1 Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

II. We Are Sons By Adoption (4:1-7)

A. The Contrasts Between A Child And A Son

- 1. Childhood refers to our condition in God's family, while adoption speaks of our position**
- 2. Through regeneration one enters into the family but by adoption he enjoys the family**
- 3. The circumstances leading to childhood are private, while those dealing with adoption are public**
- 4. A child is under guardians, while an adopted adult has full liberty**

II. We Are Sons By Adoption (4:1-7)

B. The Difference Between A Servant And A Son

- 1. A servant retains his old nature, while a son enjoys that of his father**
- 2. A servant has a master, while a son has a father**
- 3. A servant obeys out of law and fear, but a son out of liberty and love**
- 4. A servant is promised no inheritance, while a son can legally expect to inherit all things**

What Kind Of Son Are You?