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Text: Galatians 3:15-29

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In this week's passage, Paul continues his argument that the believer is justified by faith and not by the works of the Law. He focuses on the historical fact that God's covenant with Abraham preceded the giving of the Law through Moses by hundreds of years, and that even in human contracts, the conditions aren't changed once it's been ratified. Paul then proceeds to answer the logical question that follows – if the Law can't bring salvation, then what's the purpose of the Law? He then explains how the Law was given to restrain wickedness, and ultimately to show us our need for a Savior.

Main Point: What grace can do.

1. **What the law can do:**
 - a. **Restrains us**
 - b. **Tutors us**
 - c. **Exposes us**
 - d. **Shows us our need**
2. **What grace does:**
 - a. **Justifies us**
 - b. **Adopts us**
 - c. **Makes us new**

Discussion

1. In the sermon, Ted talked about Paul's argument that the giving of the Law did not alter the promise that God made to Abraham. **Read Galatians 3:15-18.** What reasons does Paul give to defend his position? How do the arguments point to the fact that a person is justified by faith and not the Law?
2. If the Law can't justify a person, then why was it given? Ted discussed the purpose of the Law. What purposes does the Law serve? Why is it necessary? What role does the Law play in salvation?
3. Furthermore, Ted highlighted that there are things that only grace does (**1. Justifies us 2. Adopts us 3. Makes us new**). Why can't these be accomplished by the Law? How are they accomplished by grace?
4. Finally, Ted talked about how being admitted to the family of God by grace, and apart from the Law, should remove a huge weight from us. Do you feel relief knowing that salvation is accomplished apart from the Law? Why or why not?