



Reflection Questions

October 25, 2026

The Unity of Law and Faith

Galatians 3:15-4:7

We continue this week to explore the relationship between the Law and Faith, building on the last week's message about their distinction. While the Law cannot save us, this week we see that it was never meant to be pointless or opposed to the promise of God.

Reflection Questions:

1. Paul argues that the Law was never intended to save but to reveal our sin and drive us to faith in Christ -- in what ways have you personally experienced the Law functioning as a mirror that exposed your need for a righteousness outside yourself?
2. Paul identifies Christ as the singular 'offspring' of Abraham through whom all nations are blessed, reinterpreting a passage the Jews understood differently -- how does this kind of apostolic interpretation challenge the way you read and understand the Old Testament?
3. The sermon contrasts the unchanging plan of God with the fluctuating standards depicted in other religious traditions -- how does the consistency of God's covenant from Abraham to Christ shape your confidence in His promises to you today?
4. Martin Luther described the Law's primary function as revealing 'sin, blindness, misery, wickedness, ignorance, hate and contempt of God' -- does your engagement with Scripture regularly produce that kind of honest self-examination, and if not, what might be preventing it?
5. The image of the Law as a guardian pointing us toward Christ suggests that the Old Testament is not obsolete but preparatory -- how does understanding the Law's role as a guardian change the way you value and read the books of Moses?
6. Galatians 3:28 erases ethnic, social, and gender distinctions among those who are united in Christ -- in what practical ways should this theological reality reshape how our views of how we respond to these issues in our culture?
7. Paul uses the metaphor of a child who is an heir but lives no differently than a slave until the appointed time -- in what areas of your spiritual life might you still be living like a slave even though you have been adopted as a son or daughter of God?