

The Logic of the Law

Galatians 3:15-22

- I. Review
 - a. 30,000-foot view
 - i. False teachers
 - 1. Deny God's grace
 - 2. Jewish first
 - b. Paul
 - i. Educated in Scripture—rabbi intentions
 - 1. Gamaliel
 - 2. Used Scripture—6-14
 - 3. Abraham saved only by faith
 - 4. Christ came from Abraham's lineage
- II. Logic of Law
 - a. Judaizers misinterpret
 - i. Why else the law
 - b. Paul shows:
 - i. Superiority of Promise
 - ii. Inferiority of Law
 - c. Three Realities to Understand
 - i. The Law cannot change the Promise
 - ii. The Law is not greater than the Promise
 - iii. The Law is not contrary to the Promise
- III. The Law cannot change the Promise
 - a. Covenant/contract agreement
 - i. Once made and ratified cannot be altered by just anyone
 - 1. Only original parties can alter/only if both agree
 - 2. Last will and testament; ex.
 - ii. If true for sinful man—how much more for a Holy God
 - b. God alone ratified promise
 - i. Abraham slept
 - ii. To Christ
 - 1. Seed—singular
 - a. verse 16

- b. Genesis 3:15
 - i. Satan wants to deny
 - 2. 430 years
 - a. Exact time not the point
 - i. Centuries between when Promise and Law were given
 - ii. Cannot make null and void
 - b. Free promise
 - i. Must stay free
 - ii. Founded in grace
 - c. Always been by faith in Messiah
 - i. Never separate from the Cross
 - ii. New Covenant in Christ's blood
- IV. Law is not greater than the Promise
 - a. Two events
 - i. Giving of Promise
 - 1. Small/intimate; Abraham slept; internal—spiritual
 - ii. Giving of Law
 - 1. Awesome/imposing; people were trembling; incidental—external
 - iii. Romans 10:8-10
 - iv. Mediator; mutual obligations; limited
 - v. Called for man to obey/would be blessed—Deut. 5:33
 - vi. Man could not/God could not
- V. The Law is not Contrary to the Promise
 - a. Is Law opposed to the Promise—Certainly not—God gave both
 - b. If purpose was to save—is opposed
 - c. Different—alternative way to salvation
 - i. Gal. 2:21 would be a reality
 - ii. Jesus' clear statement—John 14:6
 - iii. Christ came to fulfill
 - iv. Morals ethics still vital—drive men to Christ
 - d. Law shut everyone up/ taken us prisoner
 - i. Cannot come to God on our own terms—need the promise
 - ii. Eph. 1:11-14

