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Galatians Chapter 3—Faith vs. Law

I. Paul Exhorts the Galatians (3:1-9)

A. Works (of Judiaisers) don't work

1. Example of Jesus

a) Did you do anything for Him, or did you **believe** in Him?

B. "Sons of Abraham"

1. Dispensationalism

a) God set the stage for what would come later

2. Faith>works of the **flesh**!

II. Paul's Conclusion on the Law (10-14)

A. We are **cursed** by it

1. WE CANNOT FULFILL

B. Faith was proclaimed since the **prophets**

1. V. 11 cites Habakkuk 2:4

C. Christ had to redeem us FROM the Law!

1. An exchange of **curses**

2. A receiving of the **Spirit**

a) This is from Joel 2:24

b) This is only by FAITH!

(1) The curse comes from the binding to the Law and our inability to fulfill the Law on our own

(a) See Romans 8:3

Terms: (Not on the slides)

***Intermediary**: Someone who stands between one group and another as a representative*

***Dispensationalism**: The belief that God deals differently with people throughout different points in history.*

III. Why the Law and What About the Promise? (15-29)

A. The Promise given to Abraham came **first**

B. The Law came **second**

1. God initiated the Law until the promise could be fulfilled in the "offspring" promised to Abraham

a) See Genesis 12:7

C. If the Law replaced the promise to Abraham:

1. The promise would be made **void**

2. God cannot break His **promises**

a) Therefore, the Law was used temporarily for a purpose in human history to hold us until the Son comes

D. Why Law?

1. Sin dictates it

a) The Law reveals the **need**

b) We need a savior

2. In place UNTIL the "offspring" comes!

E. The issue of intermediaries

1. **Moses** stood between God and Israel for the Law

2. God swore by HIMSELF to **guarantee** the promise to Abraham

a) **Jesus** the ultimate intermediary [see Hebrews 8:6; 9:15]

F. Does the Law contradict?

1. NO!

a) It was meant for a **purpose**

(1) It reveals our sin or highlights our sinfulness

b) It cannot give life

c) It makes slaves

2. Christ set us free!

a) We have our **identity**:

(1) Not in law

(2) Not in status

(3) Not in gender roles

(a) But in **Faith**!

This all has to do with being heirs to the inheritance of justification!