

Galatians

How Grace Works through Law – Galatians 3:15-25

Intro: Substitutes. Sometimes they work. Sometimes they do not. There is no substitute for the Gospel or for God's grace.

I. Grace _____ Law – 3:15-18

A. Through the _____ of a Covenant – 3:15

B. Through the _____ of God – 3:16
(See Genesis 12:2-3, 15:5, 7)

C. Through the _____ of Christ – 3:16-17

Abraham, the Israelites, and us have the same test of faith which is, will we by faith obey God's word in our living and decision making?

II. Grace _____ through Law – 3:19-25

A. The Law is a Testimony

1. _____ we are Sinners – 3:19-20

2. _____ Us Under Sin – 3:21-22

Illustrate: Prison – Everything reminds you that you are confined as a guilty person under the law.

3. _____ to Our Salvation – 3:22-23

Illustrate: Sickness Contributes to Healing.

B. The Law is a _____ – 3:24-25

When a person is freed from prison, they do not remain in prison. When a person recovers from illness, they do not remain in a hospital. When a person graduates from school, they no longer need a tutor.

If you have believed on Jesus Christ and the promise that through him you are forgiven of your sins, the law has no hold on you, rather Jesus Christ does. Do not get these confused.

Do not substitute living to obey the law, for living to obey Christ. Accept no substitute to living for Jesus.

Conclusion: Have you accepted the truth of God's Word in your life, or have you settled for a substitute?

Small Group Questions

1. What do you find to be a good substitute for a name brand? For a food item? What name brand/food item would you never substitute?

2. Read Galatians 3:15-18. These verses show why God's promise to Abraham cannot be broken.

What does this say about God?

Why is this good news for us?

What does this say about the law?

3. Based on these passages, what was the purpose of the law? What is the value of it for sinners? For believers in God?

Deuteronomy 7:12-13 –

1 Timothy 1:8-11 –

Psalm 119:1-8 -

4. Read Galatians 3:19-23. Explain the ways that the law is a testimony against us.

5. Read Galatians 3:24-25 – What does Paul describe the law as? How is this grace working through law? How does this speak to the importance of using the law when trying to lead a person to Christ?

6. What would you say to a person who thinks that because they are a Christian, that the law no longer applies to them.

7. How is God challenging you to think differently? What is a key lesson from this study to apply to your life?