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Law vs. Grace

Galatians 3:15-25

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- A gift-promise needs only to be _____ to be received, but a law-wage must be _____ to be received.

THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW

- Its main purpose is to show us our _____, that we are law-breakers; and to prove to us that we cannot be the _____, since we are unable to be perfect law-keepers.

POINTING TO THE PROMISE

1. The law is a _____.
 - a) a sense of bondage
 - b) an impersonal relationship with the divine, motivated by a desire for rewards and a fear of punishment
 - c) anxiety about one's standing with God
2. The law is a _____.
 - a) a life not of confinement, but of freedom
 - b) not an impersonal, but a personal relationship with God
 - c) not immaturity, but maturity of character

HOW DOES THE LAW WORK IN A CHRISTIAN'S LIFE?

- Once you come to the law motivated by _____, we are better in our obedience of the law than we ever were before when we were motivated by fear and shame.

Why is that so?

1. If we think law-obedience and rule-keeping will save us, then we become _____ of admitting just how demanding it is.
2. Grateful _____ is a motive that will lead to much more endurance in obedience than fearful _____.

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¹⁵ Brothers and sisters, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. ¹⁶ The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ. ¹⁷ What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on the promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise.

¹⁹ Why, then, was the law given at all? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was given through angels and entrusted to a mediator.²⁰ A mediator, however, implies more than one party; but God is one.

²¹ Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law. ²² But Scripture has locked up everything under the control of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.

²³ Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. ²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.