

Galatians 3:15-20

- Key Words
 - Promise - God's promise was made to Abraham, this promise was totally of God, no requirements from Abraham. It came by faith.
 - Law - given because of transgressions. Given to show man his helplessness and need.
 - Seed - a reference to Christ

Key Thought

- God's way of interacting with man may change, but His promises never change. Justification by faith is a timeless principle, see "foreseeing," v8.

- Covenant - A will and testament.
This covenant is made between two parties and it cannot be changed without the agreement of the parties involved.

OT Covenant Process

- An animal would be slaughtered and cut in half.
- A fire was built between the pieces.
- Both parties walked between the fire and the pieces of the animal.
- The covenant was confirmed. This conformation was lasting, authoritative, and legal.
- NOTE: Abraham had no part in this covenant, he was asleep(Genesis 15:12) The covenant was between God the Father and God the Son, Galatians 3:17. Literally, God made a promise to God. Abraham made no promises and no commitments.

Law Is Temporary

- 3:19 added - came in separately, not a part of the promise.
- “until the seed should come,” a fixed time period for law, it was meant to be temporary. Law was never intended to be the rule of life for those who are saved.
- Law cannot save - Galatians 2:16
- Law cannot mature - Hebrews 7:19

Law is Delegated

- The promise was made directly to Abraham by God.
- Law came second hand, by Angels: Acts 7:53, Hebrews 2:2, to a Mediator, Moses Deuteronomy 5:5
- NOTE- Jesus is the mediator of the New Covenant, which is not a contract. Jesus fulfilled all conditions for the new covenant and his work is complete. Jesus is the mediator of grace, and the unique relationship that God, Jesus, and believers have, John 17:21, 23.