

## Galatians: Salvation from Beginning to End

3:15-29 "Why the Law?"

### Review: The Faith of Abraham

- God promised  **blessing**  to Abraham.
- Abraham believed God and was counted  **righteous** .
- Jesus takes the  **curse**  of the Law and makes believers children of Abraham by faith.

### The Two Covenants

- The Abrahamic Covenant
  - God promises  **blessings** .
  - Abraham receives by  **faith** .
- The Mosaic Covenant
  - God promises  **blessings** .
  - Israel receives by  **works** .
- The Abrahamic covenant is  **first** .
- The Mosaic covenant cannot  **override**  the promise to Abraham.
- Jesus' New Testament is the  **fulfillment**  of the Abrahamic promise.

### Why The Law?

- The Law provides a point of  **reference**  for the character of man, negatively and positively.
- Positively, God's law demonstrates the character we should  **strive**  to live by:
  - Love the Lord with all you  **heart** .
  - Love you  **neighbor**  as yourself.
- Negatively, God's law painfully points out how far  **off**  the mark we really are.
  - The law promises curse for  **disobedience** .
  - No one can truly be  **justified**  by the law.
- The law was a  **tutor** , both for instruction and discipline, for God's Old Testament saints.

### What is the Law to us, if we are in Christ?

- The law was a  **guardian** , until Christ came.
- The law still  **instructs**  us in the character of Christ.
- The law still  **points**  out how far we have to go.
- But the law does not  **designate**  us as God's people anymore.
- Laws of designation are no longer  **binding**  on the church.