

# **BEREAN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Galatians 3:25-29**

**Wednesday December 13, 2023**

## Galatians 3:22-29 (NASB95)



<sup>22</sup>But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

<sup>23</sup>But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed.

<sup>24</sup>Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

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## Group Discussions



- 1. Share your questions and observations from the inductive process for Galatians 3:25-29.**
- 2. What does it mean to be baptized into Christ? To have been clothed with Christ?**
- 3. What is the purpose of the phrase “male nor female”?**
- 4. What does it mean to be an heir to the promise of Abraham?**
- 5. What is the one thing that stuck out to you in the study of the first half of Galatians?**

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- ***Paidagogus***: slave entrusted to supervise a young boy on his parents' behalf.  
[not *didaskalos*]
  - Chaperone to keep the child from trouble, from danger, and to make sure that the child didn't do harmful things. Severe disciplinarian.
  - "They took their young charges to and from school, made sure they studied their lessons, and trained them in obedience. They were strict disciplinarians, scolding and whipping as they felt it necessary. He was often harsh to the point of cruelty, and is usually depicted in ancient drawings with a rod or cane in his hand. J. B. Phillips thinks that the modern equivalent is 'a strict governess'." (John Stott)

# The Tutor!



	Abrahamic Covenant	The Law (Mosaic Covenant)	Davidic Covenant	New Covenant
<b>Contents</b>	Promises Abraham land, seed, and spiritual blessings [GRACE]	Abraham's people are to worship Yahweh and live by the Law of Yahweh in the Promised land; if they fail to do so, they will be cursed. [THREAT - what is due / Romans 4:4]	The Messiah would come from the line of David and the tribe of Judah and He would establish a kingdom that would endure forever. [GRACE]	God will completely forgive sin, write His laws on the hearts of the people, and reconcile man to Himself. [GRACE]
<b>Reward / Blessing</b>	Land, seed, spiritual blessings in the Holy Spirit	Land, seed, blessings	Messiah from David's line and kingdom that will last forever	New heart; new spirit, indwelling of Holy Spirit;
<b>Text</b>	Genesis 12:1-3; 15:13-18; 17:9-11; 22:15-18	Exodus 19:5-8; 24:3-8; 31:13-17; Deuteronomy 11; 29:22-28;	2 Samuel 7:8-16; 1 Chron 17:11-14; 2 Chron. 6:16; Psalm 72, 89, 132; Isaiah 55; Luke 1:32-33	Deuteronomy 30:1-5; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:22-32
<b>AKA</b>		"Old Covenant"		aka "better covenant" (Hebrews 7:22; 8:6); "Second Covenant"; "Messianic" "Everlasting"
<b>Direction</b>	Unconditional / Unilateral	Conditional / Bilateral	Unconditional / Unilateral	Unconditional / Unilateral
<b>Terms</b>	Promise	Contract	Promise	Promise
<b>Sign</b>	Circumcision (Genesis 17:11)	Outwardly reflected lives; Sabbath (Exodus 31:13)	Christ's life, death, resurrection, and enthronement (Acts 2:30-34)	Bread and Cup (Matt. 26:28; 1 Cor. 11:25)
<b>Verbiage</b>	I will...	You shall... You shall not	I will...	I will...
<b>Duration</b>	Everlasting	Temporary - Abolished in the death of Christ (Hebrews 7:12-18; 8:13; 10:13); No longer in force (2 Cor. 3:9-11; Gal. 3:22-26)	Everlasting	Everlasting



# Toga Virilus (“manhood”)

Toga Virilus –  
Worn by men ~ 14 to 17

Toga Praetexta – freeborn youth

Tunic – freeborn child



## Donning of Toga Virilis

- Rite of passage that marked the transition from childhood to adulthood for freeborn Roman boys.
- Dependent on boy's physical maturity and date/time decided by the father.
- Adult responsibilities and privileges. (own slaves, vote, could enter public service!)

## Galatians 4:1-6 (NASB95)



**<sup>1</sup>Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything,**

**<sup>2</sup>but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father.**

**<sup>3</sup>So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world.**

**<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,**

**<sup>5</sup>so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.**

**<sup>6</sup>Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”**

**And you didn't need to have to be freeborn to qualify!!!**

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## Baptism... Racial, Socioeconomic, and Gender Distinctions



- What does Galatians have to say [remember... first letter]?
- What does the Apostle Paul have to say (directly and indirectly)?
- What do the other NT epistles have to say?
- What does the whole Bible have to say about how God would view His people?

## Also from Paul... re: Jews/Greeks



### **Romans 3:1–2 (NASB95)**

<sup>1</sup>Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision?

<sup>2</sup>Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God.

### **Romans 11:1–2,15 (NASB95)**

<sup>1</sup>I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

<sup>2</sup>God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

<sup>15</sup>For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

## Also from Paul... re: Slaves/Free



### **1 Corinthians 7:20–24 (NASB95)**

<sup>20</sup>Each man must remain in that condition in which he was called.

<sup>21</sup>Were you called while a slave? Do not worry about it; but if you are able also to become free, rather do that.

### **Ephesians 6:5–6 (NASB95)**

<sup>5</sup>Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;

<sup>6</sup>not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

### **Titus 2:9 (NASB95)**

<sup>9</sup>Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative,

## Also from Paul... re: Male/Female



### **1 Corinthians 11:3 (NASB95)**

<sup>3</sup>But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

### **1 Timothy 2:11–13 (NASB95)**

<sup>11</sup>A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness.

<sup>12</sup>But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.

<sup>13</sup>For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve.

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**Do you believe?**

**Evidence of belief =  
Holy Spirit (3:14)**





“We cannot come to Christ to be justified until we have first been to Moses to be condemned. But once we have gone to Moses, and acknowledged our sin, guilt and condemnation, we must not stay there. We must let Moses send us to Christ.”

**John Stott**

*(The Message of Galatians* [London: Inter-Varsity, 1968], p. 102)

## Upcoming Events



### **CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

- **Sat 12/16 – BAM Christmas Party @ 5:30 pm**

### **Sunday 12/31**

- **3pm / Ping Pong Tournament**
- **11pm / New Year's Eve Service**

### **Sunday 1/7**

- **3 Services! [8:00, 9:30, 11:30]**

### **Sunday 1/14**

- **Membership Class Begins during 2<sup>nd</sup> service (9:30)**
- **Members' Meeting @ 2 pm**

## Group Discussions



- 1. When were you baptized into Christ? What were you like before Christ? What have you been like since?**
- 2. What benefit of sonship do you most enjoy? What are you most in awe of? In what areas of sonship are you tangibly seeking to grow?**
- 3. Is there any application that you are committing to from Galatians 1-3?**
- 4. Are there any prayer requests that come from questions 1-3?**