



# **BEREAN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Galatians 3:19-24**

**Wednesday December 6, 2023**

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- 1. Share your questions and observations from the inductive process for Galatians 3:19-24.**
- 2. What exactly is the Law? What was its role/function before Christ?**
- 3. What is the mediator? What is the role of the mediator?**
- 4. What does it mean to be shut up under sin? To the faith?**

# Knee-Jerk Questions

**Is the Law bad?**

**Is obedience to the Law required?**

**Can a person be saved through the Law?**

**If the Christian is free from the Law, can he live however he pleases?**

## Galatians 3:8-14(NASB95)

<sup>8</sup>The **Scripture** (v.22), foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the nations will be blessed in you.”

<sup>9</sup>So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.

<sup>10</sup>For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, “**Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them.**”

<sup>11</sup>Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, “The righteous man shall live by faith.”

<sup>12</sup>However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, “He who practices them shall live by them.”

<sup>13</sup>Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”—

<sup>14</sup>**in order** that **in** Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, **so that** we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

## Galatians 3:17-18 (NASB95)

<sup>17</sup>What I am saying is this: the Law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not invalidate a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise.

<sup>18</sup>For if the inheritance is based on law, it is no longer based on a promise; but God has granted it to Abraham by means of a promise.

- Covenant with Noah: means of a promise
- Covenant with Abraham: means of a promise
  - Covenant with David (stemming from covenant with Abraham): means of a promise
  - New Covenant (stemming from covenant with Abraham): means of a promise



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<sup>1</sup>The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham:

## Ezekiel 36:24–28 (NASB95)

<sup>24</sup>“For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land.

<sup>25</sup>“Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

<sup>26</sup>“Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

<sup>27</sup>“I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

<sup>28</sup>“You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.



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**The promises are fulfilled in Jesus!!!**  
**[Galatians 3:1-18]**

## 2 Corinthians 1:20 (NASB95)

<sup>20</sup>For **as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes**; therefore also **through Him is our Amen** to the glory of God through us.

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# Note on Mediators [Law]

God → Angels → Moses → People

## Deuteronomy 33:1–2 (NASB95)

<sup>1</sup>Now this is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the sons of Israel before his death.

<sup>2</sup>He said, “The Lord came from Sinai, And dawned on them from Seir; He shone forth from Mount Paran, And He came from the midst of ten thousand holy ones; At His right hand there was flashing lightning for them.

## Acts 7:38 (NASB95)

<sup>38</sup>“This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness together with the angel who was speaking to him on Mount Sinai, and who was with our fathers; and he received living oracles to pass on to you.

**Also: Hebrews 2:2**

## Note on Mediators [Promise]

God → **No Mediator** → Abraham

### Genesis 22:16 (NASB95)

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# The Law is very Telling of...

1. The Character of God

[Leviticus 19; Psalm 19; Romans 7:12; 1 John 4:8]

2. The Depravity of man

[Romans 1:26-32; 3:9-23]

3. Man's desperate need of a Savior/grace

[Leviticus; Romans 10:4; Gal. 3:22-23]



“The Law is for the proud and the Gospel for the brokenhearted. The person who can distinguish between the law and grace can thank God and know himself to be a true Christian.”

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  - 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)

## **1 Corinthians 4:15 (NASB95)**

<sup>15</sup>For if you were to have countless tutors in Christ, yet you would not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

## **1 Corinthians 4:21 (NASB95)**

<sup>21</sup>What do you desire? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love and a spirit of gentleness?

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## Romans 8:3-4 (NASB95)

<sup>3</sup>For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,

<sup>4</sup>so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

## Galatians 3:25 (NASB95)

<sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

# Upcoming Events

## **CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

- **Sun 12/10 – FM Christmas Lunch @ 1pm**
- **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!**

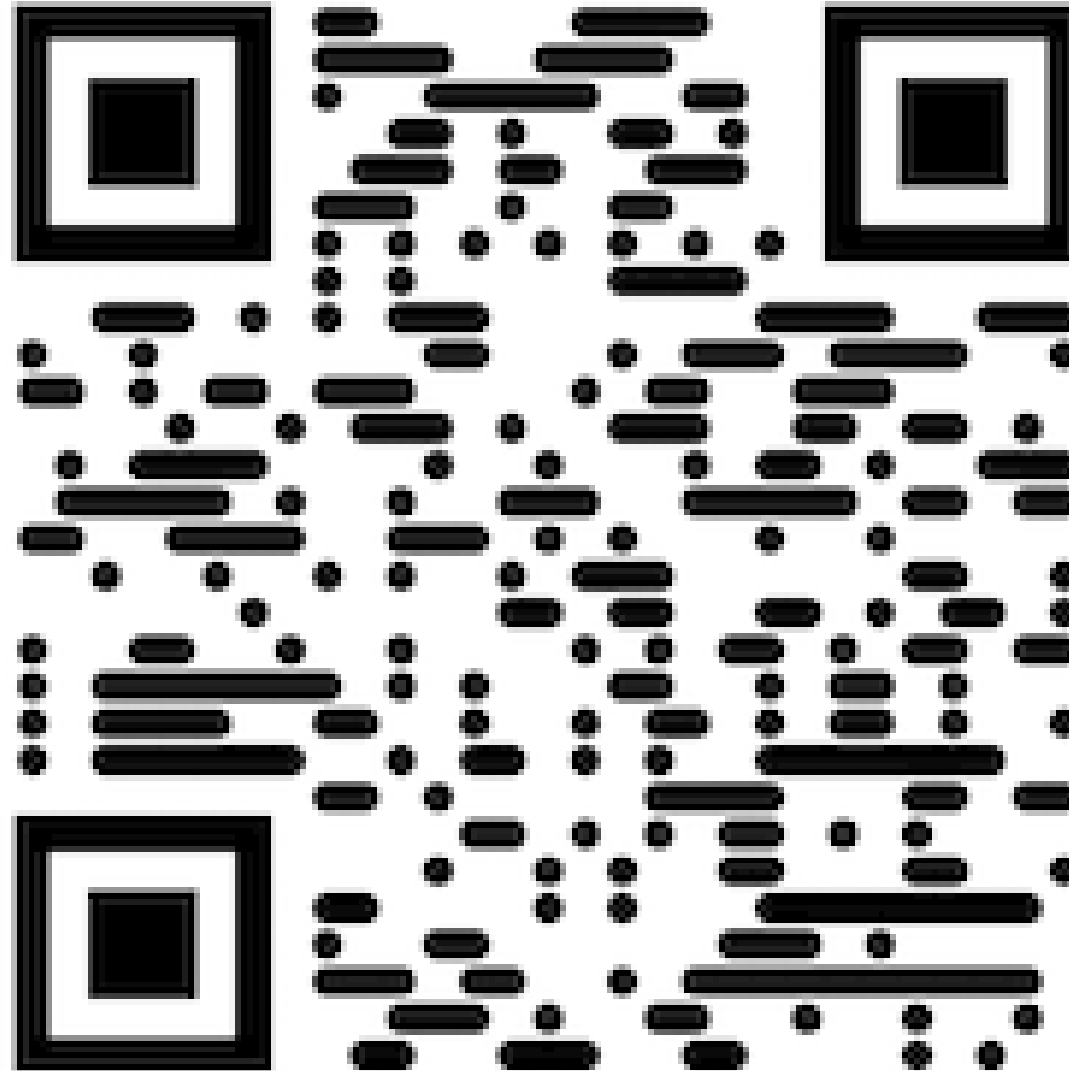
## **Sunday 1/14**

- **Membership Class Begins**
- **Members' Meeting**

# Galatians pt. 2 Bible Study

Wednesday 2/7

- Galatians pt 2 Bible Study Begins



- 1. For Wednesday 12/13, read and inductively prepare Galatians 3:25-29. Also take some time to review all of chapters 1-3.**
- 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?**

- 1. Who is God to you personally? Who is Jesus Christ to you?**
- 2. What role does the Law of God play in your day to day life? How eager are you to obey His Law? What is the motivation?**
- 3. In what ways do you still try and get to God through a mediator?**
- 4. Are there any prayer requests that come from questions 1-3?**