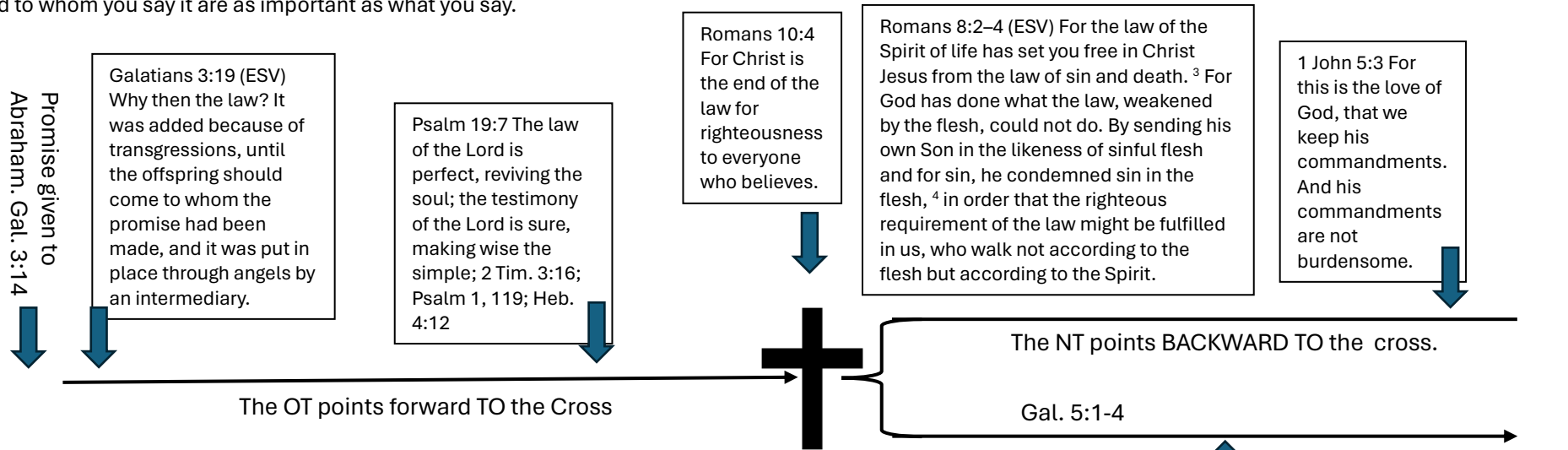


**G4: Sunday March 10, 2024**

**The Perfect(ed) Church Part IV: Using the Law Lawfully**

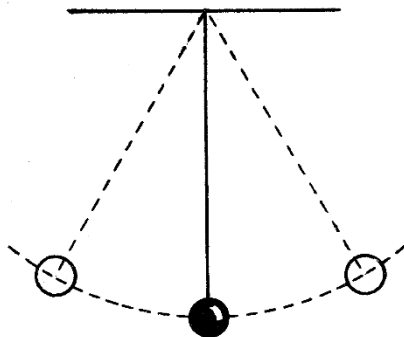
1 Timothy 1:8-9 (ESV) Now we know that **the law is good, if one uses it lawfully**,<sup>9</sup> understanding this, that the law is not laid down (made) for the just but for the lawless and disobedient... (NIV84) ...if one uses it properly. (NLT) ...when used correctly. (MSG) It's true that moral guidance and counsel need to be given, but the way you say it and to whom you say it are as important as what you say.



1. The Law was given by God “because of transgressions.” It was intended to reveal sin, not to secure righteousness. It pointed people to their need for justification and their inability to save themselves.
2. Although holy and good, the law was incomplete in that it could not give spiritual life or moral strength. It demanded righteousness but couldn’t provide it.
3. The Law was a temporary tutor (instruction guide) both protecting and pointing the Jewish people in the right direction until Christ would come. Galatians 3:24 The law was “a guardian until Christ came.”

Rom. 5:10;  
6:14; 7:1;  
2 Cor 3:16-18;  
Acts 15;  
Galatians

**LEGALISM**



Gal. 5:13;  
Rom. 6:1, 8:4;  
Titus 2:11-14

**LICENSE**

**1 Timothy 1:3-4** ...charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith.

**1 Timothy 6:3-5** If anyone teaches a different doctrine...he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.

**2 Timothy 4:3-4** (we will)...accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

**2 Peter 2:1-3** ...there will be false teachers among you...And many will follow their sensuality, ...And in their greed they will exploit you with false words.

**What is our responsibility with the law for those who are outside of Christ?**

Original word synonymns: warmhearted, considerate, humane, gentle, sympathetic. (Ephesians 2:7)

Judgment is a terrible evangelism strategy. Instead, be authentically in love with Jesus AND remember that often actions speak louder than words.

HOMEWORK: Read 2 Corinthians 3 ASAP then answer these questions and share with someone.

What does “being bold” v.12 tangibly look like in your life today?

Can you see yourself growing from “glory to glory?” How? Why or why not do you suppose? What is the key to growth?

What does Jesus say about you? What do you need to do to RECEIVE His love more and more?

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT)

<sup>18</sup> So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.