



**To Know, Live and Extend the Hope of Jesus
to the Brevard Community**

**Meeting at Brevard Little Theatre
Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00**

February 11, 2018

**Galatians 3:15-25
Freed from the Law**

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Galatians 3:15-25

To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. ¹⁶ Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. ¹⁷ This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸ For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

¹⁹ Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary.

²⁰ Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

²¹ Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²² But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian...

Sermon Main Theme

Our lives are full of both promises to us and expectations of us. We hope in the former while we try to live up to the latter. How often, though, does life feel like a profound imbalance in the direction of the expectations--or, worse, with the absence of promises that sustain us in hope? Paul will take pains in this passage to make a distinction between God's promise--in particular the one to Abraham--and God's Law--His expectations, if you will, of our response to Him. Paul clarifies their relationship to one another and the role each plays in how we relate to God. Why should we care? Because only by a sense of His promise can we ever understand, much less live into, His expectations.

Sermon Discussion Questions and Resources

- 1) What are the promises you have in life (legal, personal, implied etc)?
- 2) What do broken promises do? Give examples of you breaking a promise and a promise being broken against you.
- 3) What is the promise God has given to us? What is it based upon and what is it NOT based upon? Can God break his promise? Do you feel and act like he can or he can't?
- 4) Everything has been imprisoned under sin: what does that say about our power and freedom outside of Christ and his Grace?
- 5) We were also imprisoned by the "Law"
 - a) What is "The Law"? (also see Jesus' summary in Mark 12)
 - b) What then were and are the "uses" of the Law?
 - c) How can understanding the extent of the Law make you more appreciative of Jesus and what he did on our behalf?
 - d) What then is our motivation to love/behave now that we are in him?

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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- Cafe
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