

“IF JUSTIFICATION IS BY FAITH, WHY THEN DID GOD GIVE US THE LAW?”

(Galatians 3:19-25)

I. PAUL DEFENDS HIS AUTHORITY AND THE ORIGINATION OF HIS GOSPEL (Gal. 1 & 2)

II. PAUL DEFENDS JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH (Gal. 3 & 4)

A. Proven by the Galatian EXPERIENCE (3:1-5)

B. Proven by the EXAMPLE of Abraham (3:6-9)

C. Proven by the EFFECTS of the LAW of Moses (3:10-12)

D. Proven by the EFFICIENT REDEEMER who delivered us from the curse of the law (3:13-14)

E. Proven by the ENDURING and UNCONDITIONAL nature of the Abrahamic Covenant (3:15-18)

F. Proven by the EXTENT and the PURPOSES of the Mosaic Law (3:19-25)

1. Like a great prosecutor in court, Paul asked the _____ question; “*What _____ does the law serve?*” (3:19a)

2. The Law was added to give sin the character of a _____, i.e., a sense of a willful _____ of the revealed will of God. (3:19b)

3. The duration of the Law was from when it was given at _____ until it ended at _____... “*till the Seed should come.*” (3:19c)

* How is this different from Promise?

4. The mediation of the Law was through secondary channels of _____ and _____ . (Gal. 3:19d-20; Deut. 33:2; Acts 7:53; John 1:17)

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5. Even though the Law originated from God, it was _____ the promises of God. (3:21a)
6. What the Law could NOT do...
- The Law could not produce spiritual _____, i.e., regeneration (3:21b)
 - The Law could not impute the _____ of God, i.e., justification (3:21c)
7. The Scripture has (lit.) “_____” everyone, and declared that we are _____ under sin. (3:22)
8. Paul clarifies the relationship between law and promise; the Law kept Jew and Gentile _____ under sin, whereas the way of Promise and faith was the only means of _____. (3:22b–23)
- * To what or to whom is “*the faith*” a reference to in v. 23?
9. The Law functioned as a _____ to the nation of Israel until Christ would come, with the purpose that they would be _____ by _____ in Him. (3:24)
10. The clarification of the Law’s place in the believer’s sanctification process is that “*after faith has come, we are _____ under a _____.*” (3:25)

* How can this apply to you?