

### FREEDOM AND THE LAW

Printed Text: *Galatians 3:18 - 29*

Bible Background: Galatians 3

Devotional Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:13 - 17

**LESSON AIMS:** the students will:

- **EXPLORE** the difference between living according to God’s law and living by faith in Christ Jesus
- **CELEBRATE** the freedom God’s promise gives to all who believe in Christ
- **PRACTICE** ways they can embrace this liberation and oneness in Christ

**INTRODUCTION:** In his letter Paul reiterated that God gave the Law, however, he rejected the idea that Gentile converts should be forced to come under the Law’s requirement of circumcision. The Law was necessary, of course, because some standard of behavior had to be established or mankind could have literally destroyed itself. And while Christians are no longer subject to the power of the Law, it is still true that sinful behavior is a transgression against a holy God.

**KEY VERSE:**

*<sup>29</sup> And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.* Galatians 3:29 / KJV

**LESSON:**

Purpose of the Law

Galatians 3:18 - 22

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The Coming of Faith

verses 23 - 29

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**SUMMARY:** Life in the Spirit, which was made possible by Jesus' work on the Cross, frees the believer to live under the guidance of the precious Holy Spirit. The Law has no saving power. It does not even have the ability to lead a person to Christ. Jesus came to die for us while we were still living in sin. Christ's coming, and His work at Calvary delivered us from the bondage of the Law. The Law has been superseded by grace, God's free offer of salvation in Jesus Christ.

### QUESTIONS:

1. *Why did God choose to give His people the Law instead of immediately providing the Savior?*
2. *In what ways are our social, economic, racial and gender differences significant to the Church? In what ways are they not?*

### Daily Bible Readings for May 15, 2022

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DAY / DATE	SCRIPTURE	
Mon., May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Receiving the Spirit through Faith	Galatians 3:1 - 5
Tue., May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Abraham's Blessing Comes through Christ	Galatians 3:6 - 17
Wed., May 11 <sup>th</sup>	God's Power Grants Life and Godliness	2 Peter 1:2 - 4
Thurs., May 12 <sup>th</sup>	A Faithful and Just People	Hosea 2:16 - 23
Fri., May 13 <sup>th</sup>	A Wise and Faithful Builder	Luke 6:45 - 49
Sat., May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Walk Blameless before God	Genesis 17:1 - 8
Sun., May 15 <sup>th</sup>	No Longer Subject to the Law	Galatians 3:18 - 29