

Sermon: Why the law?
Galatians: Gospel Freedom.

Series:

Scripture: Galatians 3:15-25.
Date: October 11, 2026

OBSERVATION — As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through who, what, where, when, how, and why questions together.

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INTERPRETATION — Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

a. Review Galatians 3:22–25. Paul compares the law to a "guardian" (a household servant who supervised children) and a prison guard who locks up a convict. In what areas of your daily routine do you still live like a spiritual prisoner under a warden, constantly tracking your own scorecard?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

a. In verses 15–18, Paul argues that the law does not nullify or add to the promise. What does this teach us about the character of God and the redemptive plan of God?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace and salvation? How does it point us to Christ?

a. In verse 16, Paul points out that God's promises of blessing were made to Abraham and his offspring (singular) — Jesus. Compare this to Ephesians 1:3. What are some of the blessings that we experience in Christ? What are some of the ways that we try to obtain God's blessing apart from Christ?

b. Read Titus 2:11–12 and compare it to Galatians 3:25. Talk about how Christ and his grace both free us from the guardian of the law while still training us to be godly. (Consider specifically how grace makes us godly without the law.)

APPLICATION

- When you look into the mirror of God's perfect law and see your flaws, do you try to fix the mirror, or do you let the diagnosis drive you to the Savior?
- How can you tell when your awareness of sin is producing healthy humility versus destructive, performance-driven anxiety?
- How would your thought life, relationships, and prayers look different if you genuinely lived in the permanent freedom of your union with Christ, rather than drifting back into law-keeping?

PRAYER

- Praise God for his promise through Christ that was never nullified or changed.
- Confess the ways you have remained under the law's "lockup" rather than trusting your union with Christ.
- Thank [Jesus](#) for sharing all his promised blessings with you.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to keep you living in your freedom in Christ as he trains you in godliness.