

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Galatians 3:15-25

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Getting Started

Can you remember being in the care of a baby sitter? If so, describe your most interesting experience.

Background

Paul has been trying to get the Galatians to see the futility of turning back to the law. In the first part of Galatians 3, he reminds them that they had begun by faith, and he urges them to continue by faith. In that way, we are true spiritual children of Abraham who **believed** God, and it was credited to him as righteousness. In the second half of Galatians 3, Paul expounds on the purpose and limits of the law.

Digging In

1. **Read Galatians 3:15-18.** What is the relationship between the law and the promise?
2. How does Paul use the example of human covenants to make his point?
3. What was the basis of God's promise to Abraham? (v. 18)
4. **Read Gal 3:21-22.** Is the law opposed to the promises of God? Explain your answer.
5. How did the law prepare the way for the gospel? (v. 22)
6. **Read Gal 3:23-25.** What was the purpose of the law?
7. If we can't be justified by keeping the **law** (Gal 2:16 & 3:11), how **can** we be justified? (24)
8. What now is our relationship to the law? (v. 25)



Getting Personal

- In your own words, what does it mean to be *justified by faith*? (v. 24)
- Can we have life by keeping the law? Explain.
- How did the law lead you to Christ?
- If you were to die tonight, do you think you'll go to heaven? Why or why not?