

Galatians 3:15 – 29

MONDAY: Read Galatians 3

What is the connection between 3:1-14 & 3:15-29? How do the two parts relate to each other? What do they share in common? *Ask the Spirit to help you understand this truth*

TUESDAY: Read Galatians 3:15-29

What is the key concept in this portion of the chapter? Write this concept in your own words. *Think deeply about the difference between faith in Christ vs. works of the law. Thank Jesus for His perfect performance as a man & for the opportunity to trust Him!*

WEDNESDAY: Read Galatians 3:15-18;

Paul compares a human covenant with what other kind? After God made a covenant with Abraham, what was added 430 years later? Did it change the covenant in any way? *Pray that you (& we) will grow deeper in knowing, believing & living by the true Gospel.*

THURSDAY: Read Galatians 3: 19-21; Genesis 15:1-21

Why was the Law added to God's covenant? Why did God wait 430 years to deliver on the promise? Which biblical character mediated this covenant between God & Abraham's descendants? *Pray that you (we) learn to rely on the Spirit to interpret the scriptures.*

FRIDAY: Read Galatians 3:22-26; Romans 2:19-26

How did God "level the playing field" between Jews & Gentiles? How did He "locked up all men" under sin? What part does the Law play in locking us up? *Pray that you (we) diligently pursue the revelation & application of truth in your/our relationship with God.*

SATURDAY: Read Galatians 3:27-29; Genesis 12:1-3

What kind of baptism is Paul talking about in v.27? By what event are we made one in Christ? What are the promises we receive in Christ as Abraham's offspring? *Ask the Spirit to give you desire for living, loving, & testifying about Jesus.*

GALATIANS 3:15-29 (NLT)

15) Dear brothers and sisters, here's an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or amend an irrevocable agreement, so it is in this case. **16)** God gave the promises to Abraham and his child. And notice that the Scripture doesn't say "to his children," as if it meant many descendants. Rather, it says "to his child"—and that, of course, means Christ. **17)** This is what I am trying to say: The agreement God made with Abraham could not be canceled 430 years later when God gave the law to Moses. God would be breaking his promise. **18)** For if the inheritance could be received by keeping the law, then it would not be the result of accepting God's promise. But God graciously gave it to Abraham as a promise.

19) Why, then, was the law given? It was given alongside the promise to show people their sins. But the law was designed to last only until the coming of the child who was promised. God gave his law through angels to Moses, who was the mediator between God and the people. **20)** Now a mediator is helpful if more than one party must reach an agreement. But God, who is one, did not use a mediator when he gave his promise to Abraham.

21) Is there a conflict, then, between God's law and God's promises? Absolutely not! If the law could give us new life, we could be made right with God by obeying it. **22)** But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ.

God's Children through Faith

23) Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until the way of faith was revealed.

24) Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith. **25)** And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.

26) For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. **27)** And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. **28)** There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29)** And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.

GENESIS 12:1-4 (NLT)

1) The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. **2)** I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. **3)** I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

4) So Abram departed as the LORD had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.