



One Church-Two Locations

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Verse by verse through the Book of Galatians-The Gospel Unleashed

Today's Message: The Purpose of the Law-Galatians 3:19-26

Everything that God does, He does with a purpose, even when He gave the law.

Galatians 3:19-26 ESV

19 Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. 20 Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one. 21 Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. 22 But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. 23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. 24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

Three things we need to understand about the purpose of the Law.

1. Here is the first purpose:

THE LAW WAS ONLY A T_____A_____.

The law was not designed to cancel any promise that was given to Abraham. It was not designed to give another way of salvation, as some of them believed, through circumcision, the Law of Moses. It was simply a temporary addition to this everlasting covenant. It was added because of transgressions.

Now, the law does three things when it comes to sin, and you begin to see the genius of God in giving the Law.

The first thing it does is the Law r_____ sin.

Romans 3:20 ESV

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

The second thing it does is the Law p_____ sin.

Romans 7:8 ESV

8 But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead.

However, the third thing the law does, it _____ or c_____ sin to increase.

Romans 5:20 ESV

20 Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.

2. THE SECOND PURPOSE OF THE LAW IS THAT IT HAD A
S_____ A_____.

What is that specific assignment? It's to prepare us for grace!

3. THE THIRD PURPOSE OF THE LAW IS THIS, THAT BECAUSE
OF CHRIST, THE LAW HAS BEEN F_____.

Galatians 3:24 ESV

24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.

Now do you want to go back up under a set of rules?

Why the Law? It got us to grace. I am so thankful for Amazing Grace!