

REAL TRUTH...TRUE JOY

Galatians 3:15 – 4:31

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- I. The Old Cursed Cross – Vv. 10-14
 - A. Paul's Use of the Old Testament
 1. Paul is using the Old Testament to prove his point that justification comes by faith, not the law
 - B. Under a Curse
 1. Everyone who relies on the law for justification is condemned
 - C. Christ Redeemed Us from the Law
 1. Redemption
 2. In order to redeem us...
 3. Utterly offensive to the Jews
 4. Christ came under the law's curse voluntarily
- II. The Promise Came Before the Law – Vv. 15-18
 - A. Review of the Promise(s)
 1. Genesis 12:1-3
 - a. I will make you into a _____
 - b. I will make your _____
 - c. All _____ will be _____ through you
 2. Genesis 15:1-6
 - a. I am your _____ and great _____
 - b. I will give you a _____
 - c. Your _____ will be as numerous as the stars
 - B. The Permanence of the Covenant
 1. Human Example
 - a. Last will and testament or contract
 - b. Paul's point
 2. To Abraham's "seed" or "offspring"
 - a. Theological point

b. The promise is all about _____

C. Paul's Point – Vv. 17-18

1. The law of Moses does not set aside the Promise
2. Inheritance by Promise
3. Here's why
4. God deals with us according to his _____
5. God cannot and will not break his _____

III. The Law Leads to Christ – Vv. 19-25

A. Why, Then, the Law? – Vv. 19-21

1. For transgressions
 - a. Not to decrease sin, but to _____ it
 - b. The law _____ sin for us
 - c. Provides _____, _____ atonement
 - d. God did not give the law as a means of atonement
2. That's a good thing
3. Limits of the Law
 - a. Limited time
 - b. Inferior method
 - c. It cannot impart _____

B. Prisoners of Sin – Vv. 22-25

1. The law as a warden

2. The law as a guardian
3. The purpose
 - a. To _____ us to _____
4. Once we are "in Christ"
5. Does the law serve any purpose in our lives as believers?
 - a. Ceremonial law
 - b. Moral law

C. Summary

1. The purposes of the law
 - a. To _____ sin
 - b. To _____ sin
 - c. To _____ us to _____

IV. We Are God's Children – Vv. 26-29

A. Our True Identity

1. In relation to God – Vv. 26-27
2. Baptized into Christ
3. Clothed in Christ
4. In relation to humanity – Vs. 28
5. In relation to history – Vs. 29

B. Where the Rubber Meets the Road

1. In Galatia
2. Beyond Galatia

V. From Slavery to Sonship – Galatians 4:1-7

- A. An Underage Heir – Vv. 1-3
 - 1. He own is all
 - 2. When we were children
 - 3. Elementary principles
 - a. Basic units of learning
 - b. Elemental spirits

- B. But...God – Vv. 4-7
 - 1. The timing of Christ's coming
 - 2. Born of a woman
 - 3. Born under the law
 - 4. The purpose
 - 5. Another purpose
 - 6. The picture of adoption
 - 7. Not just our Father

VI. Paul's Passionate Plea – Vv. 8-20

A. Paul's Appeal

- 1. His _____ with the Galatians

B. A Couple of Things

- 1. Having known the truth...
- 2. Become like me

VII. Conclusion: Remembering Who We Were

A. The Galatians

B. Repentance

1. To turn away
2. To turn toward God

C. The Truth About Our Sin

1. Put _____ on the _____
2. _____ the _____ of God
3. Delights _____

D. The Truth About Our Redemption

1. We have been _____ from Satan