

GRACE CHANGES EVERYTHING

Grace Changes Everything – Week 7 Galatians 3:15-25

Check out one of these helpful resources:

- 1) The Book of Galatians by Kyle Idleman ----- <https://bit.ly/3KE1TCC>

Allow God to speak to you through his written Word. The goal of this time is to have quality connection and time together. Choose questions from Know, Grow, and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you need to use all the questions. Feel free to add your own too! We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!

KNOW

Paul reveals how God's unchanging promise relates to His law—showing us that faith and grace came first, and the law serves as our guardian and mirror. Before diving into this passage about Abraham's covenant and the purpose of God's law, let's explore our own experiences with promises, growing up, and the difference between being forced to obey and wanting to obey.

- Share about a promise someone made to you that was especially meaningful. How did their faithfulness to keep their word affect your relationship with them? (Relates to God's covenant promise in vv.15-18)
- Describe the difference between following rules as a child versus choosing to honor values as an adult. What changed in your motivation? (Connects to the "guardian" in v.24-25)
- How do you define grace in your own words—and do you tend to give yourself or others enough grace in daily life?
- If you had to explain "faith" to a child, what story or image would you use?
- Think of a time when rules or boundaries actually protected you from harm. What was the situation, and how did those limits serve you? (Relates to law's protective role in v.23)
- Is it easier for you to follow rules or to act from love? What shapes your approach to authority and expectations?
- Who is someone whose love for God has inspired you? How did you see the difference between duty and delight in their faith?
- If you could sum up your spiritual journey in one word for this season, what would it be—and why?



This passage demonstrates that the gospel is "not just the ABC of Christianity, but the A to Z"—we never graduate from our need for grace. Paul systematically shows how law and promise work together, with the law serving as our guardian until Christ came. Let's walk through this passage to understand how our relationship to God's law is transformed by the gospel.

- **Galatians 3:15-16:** What does Paul's comparison to a human contract or will teach us about God's unchangeable commitment? How does this encourage both new believers and those wrestling with doubt? Genesis 15:1-21; Hebrews 6:13-18
- **Galatians 3:17-18:** Why can't the law, coming 430 years later, change the nature of God's promise? What does this teach about adding anything to faith for salvation? Romans 4:13-16; Ephesians 2:8-9

"For a promise to bring a result, it needs only to be believed, but for a law to bring a result, it has to be obeyed." — Tim Keller

- **Galatians 3:19-20:** What does "added because of transgressions" mean? How is the law's purpose different from providing salvation? Romans 7:7-13; 1 Timothy 1:8-11.
- **Galatians 3:21-22:** Is the law opposed to God's promises? How do law and promise work together without contradicting each other?
- **Galatians 3:23-24:** How does the law act as both "guard" and "tutor" before Christ? What's the difference between a protective guardian and a prison warden?
- **Galatians 3:25:** What's the difference between obeying "because we are saved" versus obeying "to be saved"? John 15:13; Galatians 2:19. *"We no longer view [the law] as a system of salvation...our hearts are filled with gratitude and a desire to please our Savior."* — Tim Keller



Paul's teaching calls us to live in the freedom of God's promise while understanding the proper role of His law. These questions challenge us to apply the truth that we are justified by faith alone and called to live under love, not legalistic performance. Remember: "Christians need the gospel just as much as non-Christians."

- How might you remind yourself of God's promises daily—is there a habit, song, or verse to anchor your faith? Consider meditating on the contrast between promise and law (vv.17-18).
- Where is 'law' (rules, expectations, shoulds) most suffocating for you right now—and how can you invite grace into that space? Use God's law as a mirror (v.19) to see your need, not as a ladder to climb.
- Who needs encouragement from you to trust God's promise rather than their performance? What step can you take to reach out, perhaps sharing how the 'guardian' (v.24) has led you to Christ?