

Study: Galatians

Text: Galatians 3:15-22

“PAUL’S ARGUMENT BASED UPON LOGIC” (PART 1)

Key Verse: Galatians 3:22 But the Scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of **Jesus Christ** might be given to them that believe.

The Argument of Experience (v. 1-5)

The Argument of Scripture (v. 6-14)

The Argument of Logic (v. 15-29)

Q: Since the Law came after Abraham, wouldn’t it supersede the original promise that Abraham had with God? Wouldn’t it then take the place of justification by faith?

I. The _____ of the promise of faith (v. 15-18)

A. Its _____—it is unalterable (v. 15-16a)

Once an agreement between two people is made, it becomes binding and cannot be _____.

Titus 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which **God**, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

B. Its Christ-_____—it is fulfilled in Christ (v. 16b)

What Paul shows us here in is that the singular usage of this word “*Seed*” refers only to one specific descendant, that is Christ.

C. Its _____—it was given first (v. 17)

Probably quoting Exodus 12:40 referring to the length of time from the final time the covenant was reaffirmed to Jacob before he went down into Egypt.

D. Its _____—it is completely effective (v. 18)

The inheritance speaks of _____?

Works cannot be added to grace without _____ it. Salvation must either be by works or by grace through faith it cannot be both.

II. The _____ of the demands of the law. (v. 19-22)

A. Its _____ is inferior (v. 19a)

Q: What was the purpose of the Law?

The Law was given so that men might see the full extent of their sinfulness.

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

The goal was to bring a man to the point of seeing that in order for him to be blessed, it could only be by the _____ of God.

B. Its _____ are inferior (19b-20)

1 Timothy 2:5 For *there is* one **God**, and one mediator between **God** and men, the man **Christ Jesus**;

C. Its _____ is inferior (v. 21)

The harmony of the Law and the promises of God are in the fact that the Law prepared the way for the Gospel by revealing to man a need for a Savior from his sin.

(v. 22) “*But the Scripture hath concluded all under sin,...*” – The beauty of the Law is that it is designed to bring people to see the _____ of their condition and their efforts.

Cf. Psalm 143:2; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23

Consider Ephesians 2:1-10

Ephesians 2:4 BUT **God, Who** is rich in mercy, for **His** great love wherewith **He** loved us,

Q: Do you see your hopelessness without Christ?

What is my next step?

(*Put off*) What must I put off that is both hinder my walk with Christ or someone else’s?

(*Renew your mind*) What qualities or Words of Christ must I meditate upon?

(*Put on*) What qualities of Christ must I seek to have as a characteristic of my life?

What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25
Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

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1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (**Put OFF**)

2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew**)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?

3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew**)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?

 - d. What example to follow?

4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew**)

5. In light of what I have heard from God,... (**Put ON**)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)

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Sermon Notes

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