

The Law: A Diagnostic

Where we began: (Gal. 1:6)

- Salvation is in Jesus Christ alone – FREEDOM, changes lives!
- JESUS + NOTHING = EVERYTHING! – TRUE GOSPEL
- JESUS + ANYTHING = DIFFERENT GOSPEL

What about the Law of God? (Gal. 3:15-18) – Great addition: keeps us right with God?

1. Human example – signed contracts are not changed or annulled
2. Biblical application – Law (Moses) interim; did NOT override promises to Ab.
 - a. God made promises to Abraham and he received them by faith
 - i. Land (Gen. 12:1; 13:7; 15:18-21)
 - ii. Nation (Gen. 12:2; 13:16; 17:4-8; 22:17)
 - iii. Blessing (Gen. 12:3; 22:18)
 - iv. Offspring (Gen. 22:18)
 - b. The Law was added 430 years after God made the promises to Abraham & his offspring/seed
3. Conclusion – Inheriting comes through faith, not through works

So, why did God give the Law? (Gal. 3:19-20, 24)

1. It is holy, righteous and good (Rom. 7:12)
2. It defines sins & transgressions (Rom. 3:20; 4:15; 5:13; 7:13)
3. It was **'added'** – **not primary**, but it does NOT change the promises God made
4. It was added **'because of transgressions'**
 - a. To restrict/restrain sin within us
 - b. To show us that we have sin (Rom. 3:20; 7:7) - **DIAGNOSTIC**
 - c. To convince us of our need of a Saviour – **DIAGNOSTIC** – [Chandler Quote]
5. It was added because of transgressions **'until Christ should come'** - **TEMPORARY**
 - a. It was a **guardian** until Christ came (Gal. 3:24)
6. It was put into place by an intermediary – not direct but indirect

Is the Law contrary to God's promises? (Gal. 3:21-22) – NO!

1. The Law only makes demands on us – it's role is **DIAGNOSTIC, NOT THE CURE!**
2. The Law imprisons, so we can realize we need a Saviour – **DIAGNOSTIC**

Come to Jesus (Matt. 11:28)

- Don't be satisfied with the DIAGNOSIS that you are a sinner!
- Recognize the fact, and go to Christ – Don't miss Him!