

# Exposing Our Need

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Galatians 3:15-29

An error that the Galatians evidently had made was to think the law changed God’s promise to Abraham. They seemed to think that now God’s promise to Abraham was received by faith *plus* obedience to the law. Paul explains why the law was never enough to meet our need for salvation, it only serves to expose that need. Only Christ can satisfy our need through faith in Him.

## *The Law and the Promise*

**Read Galatians 3:15-20**

**1. What example from everyday life did Paul use to illustrate the endurance of the covenant God made with Abraham? (v.15)**

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**2. The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Who is Abraham’s seed? (v. 16)**

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**3. Why doesn’t the law set aside or replace the promise of the covenant with Abraham? (vv. 17-18)**

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**4. What was the purpose of the law? (vv. 19-20)**

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## *Sons No Longer Under Law*

Consider the two analogies of the law given in the next passage. The first compares the law with being a prison, and the second compares it to a “tutor”. This tutor was a slave who was put in charge as the guardian of the young sons. He was the supervisor whose main function was discipline. He was expected to be harsh and would use a rod to punish boys who were unruly.

### **Read Galatians 3:21-29**

**5. Why isn't the law in opposition to the promises of God? (v. 21)**

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**6. Before you became a Christian, did you realize you were a prisoner of sin? (v. 22)**

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**7. In what way was the law like a prison? (v. 23)**

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**8. In what way was the law like a tutor? (v. 24)**

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**9. What is the new status of those who come to Christ by faith? (vv. 26-29)**

You are all \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 26)

All of you who were baptized into Christ have \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 27)

You are all \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus. (v. 28)

You are Abraham's \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 29)

You are \_\_\_\_\_ according to the promise. (v. 29)

**10. What is the significance of all becoming sons of God? (v. 26)**

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**11. Why is baptism associated with putting on Christ (or clothed with Christ)? (v. 27)**

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**12. What divisions are erased in Christ Jesus? (v. 28)**

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**13. Who is considered Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise? (v. 29)**

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*Life Application*

**14. How does knowing you are free from the curse of the law motivate you to obey God?**

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**15. In Gal 3:24, Paul describes the Law as our tutor to lead us to Christ. Explain why using the Law (or the Ten Commandments) is useful when trying to lead others to faith in Jesus Christ.**

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**16. All who have been baptized into Christ have clothed themselves with Christ (Gal 3:27). In Romans 3:14 we are commanded to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ." Read Romans 13:8-14 and describe what a life clothed in Christ looks like. Ask God to help you with anything in your life that is "out of uniform" with Christ.**

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**17. Spend time asking God to give you a greater love and delight in His word. Ask God to use His word to make you more and more like Jesus, the One who perfectly obeyed it. Then pray that for someone else in the church. Consider becoming accountability partners to regularly pray for each other, discuss the Scriptures, and encourage one another.**

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