

Promise and Purpose
Galatians 3:15-25 ~ Sunday School
Grace Church of Lockeford

Introduction

The Seed Promise Made To Abraham and the Purpose Of The Law As A Tutor.

1. God's Covenant Promise Cannot Be Annulled By The Law vv. 15-18

- a. The security of human covenants vv. 15-16
V. 15

Confirmed – κυρώω kyroō

V. 16

Is – ἐστὶ estī

Genesis 12:7; 13:15; 24:7

- b. The security of God's covenant vv. 17-18

V. 17

Genesis 15:13-18a

vv. 6, 9

Was – γίνομαι ginomai

Annul – ἀκυρόω akyroō

No effect – καταργέω katargeō

V. 18

vv. 14, 9

Gave – χαρίζομαι charizomai

Ephesians 2:8-9

2. The Purpose Of The Law Is To Be A Tutor Bringing Us To Christ vv. 19-25

- a. The Law as an intermediate restraint vv. 19-20
V. 19

Transgressions – παράβασις *parabasis*

Romans 7:7-9

Acts 7:53

Mediator — μεσίτης *mesitēs*

John 1:17; Leviticus 26:46

V. 20

- b. The fulfillment of the Law's purpose vv. 21-25
V. 21

Given life – ζωοποιέω *zōopoieō*

Righteousness – δικαιοσύνη *dikaiosynē*

Romans 8:3-4

V. 22

Has confined – συγκλείω *sygkleiō*

Romans 3:9, 19

Might be given – δίδωμι *didōmi*

Romans 6:23

Romans 4:4-5

v. 18, 9

V. 23

Faith – πίστις *pistis*

V. 24

Tutor – παιδαγωγός *paidagōgos*

V. 25

Has come – ἔρχομαι erchomai

Romans 8:2

Conclusion

The Law is like road sign on a black night, it points us in the direction of safety!

“The Law cannot change the promise, and the Law is not greater than the promise. But the Law is not contrary to the promise: they work together to bring sinners to the Saviour.”¹

¹ Warren W. Wiersbe, *The Bible Exposition Commentary*, vol. 1 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1996), 703.