THEME of GALATIANS: Salvation by Grace Through Faith

Galatians 3:19-29

Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made. Now a mediator is not for one *party* only; whereas God is only one.

Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law.

But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed.

Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.

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The Salutation, 1:1-5

The Defection From Salvation By Grace, Through Faith, 1:6-10.

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The Defense of Salvation by Grace, through Faith, 1:11-4:31.

By Paul's Own Experiences, 1:11-2:21.

By the Galatians' Own Experiences, 3:1-5.

By Abraham's Experiences, 3:6-9.

From the Law, Itself, 3:10-18.

The Defense of Salvation by Grace, through Faith, 1:11-4:31.

From the Purposes of the Law, 3:19-29

The Purposes of the Law, 3:19-29.

Positively...

- To restrict transgressions, 19.
- To shut up all "under sin," 22.
- To keep Israel "in custody," 23.
- To be a tutor to lead them to Christ, 24.

The Purposes of the Law, 3:19-29.

Negatively...

- NOT to invalidate the previous promises of God!, 21.
- NOT to impart life, 21.

The Purposes of the Law, 3:19-29.

The Termination of the Law...

- Until the coming of the promised Seed, 19.
- Until the coming of "The Faith"...the revelation of the "principle of faith," 23, 25.

Justification By Faith...

In The Old Testament:

In The New Testament:

Genesis 15:6;

Psalm 78:22

Isaiah 28:16

Isaiah 43:10

Jonah 3:5

Habakkuk 2:4

SCORES of references:

- 96 in the Gospel of John,
 - 25 in Romans3:21-4:25,
 - 24 in Galatians

BEFORE:

- UNDER SIN, 22
- Kept in custody under The Law, 23
- "Shut up" to the faith which was later to be revealed, 23.
 - Under a tutor, 24

AFTER...

- Sons of God in Christ Jesus,
 26
- "Justified by faith," 24.
- "Now, the faith has come, 25
- NO longer under a tutor, 25
- NOW we are sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus! 26.
- Baptized into Christ Jesus, 27

AFTER:

- Clothed ourselves with Christ,
 27
- No longer Jew vs. Greek.
- No longer Slave vs. free man.
- No longer male nor female.
- We are all one in Christ Jesus!
- We belong to CHRIST!

AFTER:

: We are Abraham's Descendants...Heirs according to promise (NOT LAW!)!

LESSONS FOR US...

- 1. The Old Testament Law was never intended to be a means of salvation!
- 2. Indeed, NO system of WORKS is involved in the true means of salvation!
- 3. Salvation is...and has always been...by FAITH!

LESSONS FOR US...

4. By faith, we have a WONDERFUL SALVATION (Galatians 3:26-29)!!!!



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