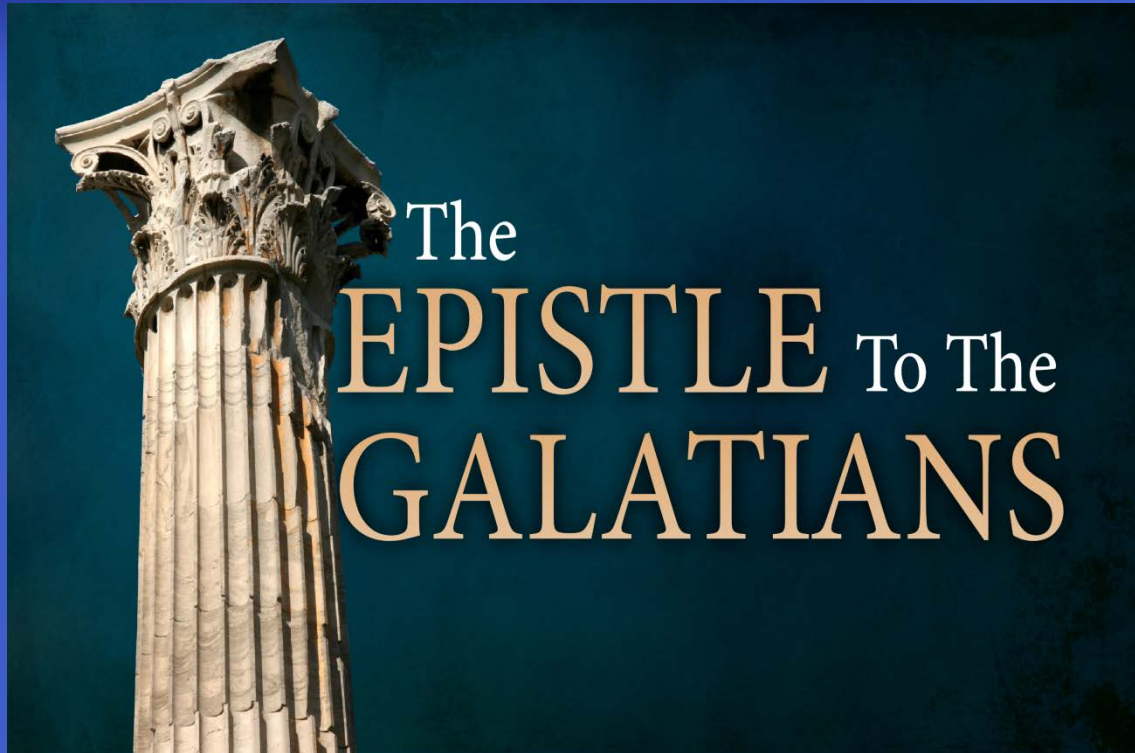


Welcome to Genesis!



Paul's Epistle to the Galatians!

The Text:

Galatians 3:23-29!

The Title:

Choosing between Christ and the Law!

The Theme:

The Gospel of Grace!

The Section Outline and Division!

- I. (1:1-10) The Prologue to the Galatians!
- II. (1:11-2:21) The Personal defense of Paul!
- III. (3:1-4:31) The Polemic argument of Paul!

In chapters 3 and 4 Paul defends the truth that a man is justified before God by grace through faith and not by the works of the Law! To defend this truth Paul uses five arguments:

- A. (3:1-5) The argument from experience.
- B. (3:6-9) The argument from Abraham.
- C. (3:10-4:11) The argument from the law.
- D. (4:12-20) The argument from personal testimony.
- E. (4:21-31) The argument from an allegory.

This Week's Sermon Outline:

Choosing Between Christ and the Law!

I. (3:23-24) The Law: Places Us Under The Bondage of Sin!

A. (v.23) The law treats us as prisoners.

B. (v.24) The law treats us as children.

II. (3:25-29) The Lord: Delivers Us From The Bondage of Sin!

A. (v.25) The believer is no longer in need of a tutor.

B. (v.26) The believer has become one of God's sons.

C. (v.27) The believer is now identified with Christ Jesus.

D. (v.28) The believer's barriers have been removed.

E. (v.29) The believer is an heir of the God's promises.

Applying the Truth from Today's Sermon!

Galatians 3:23-29 is the most upbeat portion of Paul's letter so far.
So let's turn our application into praise.

1. Praise God for the prison!

Through the law we are forced to squarely face our problem of sin. Without being placed in bondage by the law, we would have never realized how much we are in need of God's grace.

1. Praise God for the guardian!

Like those placed over a child to help keep him in line, the law was given to help restrain our sin and rebellion against God. It was also given to point out our need for deliverance from sin. Without this goad we would have never understood the need for Christ. .

3. Praise God for the Savior!

With His own blood Jesus made it possible for us to come to the Father. Through Christ we are united with God and all past, present, and future believers. Through faith all believers have been set free to serve and live a life that is pleasing to God.