

1. The law and the promise

- a) Galatians 3:21, why does Paul ask this question?
- b) Have you every met someone who thought that salvation came by keeping the law?
- c) What is the purpose of the law if not to provide a way of salvation?

2. Keep under the law

- a) Galatians 3:22–23, what is Paul saying here?
- b) Expression used 12x in his letters. May have two different meanings, depending on context:
 - i) Under the law as a supposed way of salvation
 - (1) Galatians 4:21
 - (2) Galatians 5:2–4
 - ii) Under the law as under its condemnation
 - (1) Romans 6:14–15
 - (2) Romans 8:1–3

3. The law as a paidagogos

- a) Galatians 3:24, schoolmaster, tutor, guardian
- b) Galatians 3:25, what is Paul saying here? Is the law done away with, or is its function as a paidagogos no longer applicable?
- c) Matthew 5:21–30
 - i) As you examine the law, both the letter and the spirit, how are you doing?
 - ii) How do your observations reinforce the importance of Paul's message to the Christians in Galatia?

4. Living in obedience to God's law as a loving response to His grace

- a) Galatians 2:20
- b) 1 Thessalonians 4:1
- c) Galatians 5:18
- d) Romans 8:4
- e) John 14:15, KJV, NKJV, NIV, ESV
- f) How have you seen this principle worked out in your own life?
- g) Why is it important to remember that salvation is a gift of grace received through faith even when you are walking in the Spirit, living in obedience to God's law as a loving response to His grace?
 - i) 1 Corinthians 10:12–13
 - ii) 1 John 2:1
 - iii) 1 John 1:7–9
- h) How does an understanding and acceptance of the Gospel set us free to live in joyful obedience to the will of God?

