

No Other Gospel: Galatians 3-4:7
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Reflection & Discussion Questions

The people were going back to the belief that the Torah was the way

Read and discuss Galatians 3:18-22 (NIV)

¹⁸ For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on the promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise. ¹⁹ Why, then, was the law given at all? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was given through angels and entrusted to a mediator. ²⁰ A mediator, however, implies more than one party; but God is one.

²¹ Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law. ²² But Scripture has locked up everything under the control of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.

*What do these verses say about the law?

*Why do we have the law? What are the positive and negative aspects of it?

The law was given by God to help us know the best way to live

Read and discuss Psalm 119:7-11 (NIV)

*⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul.*

*The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.*

*⁸ The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.*

*The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.*

*⁹ The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever.*

*The decrees of the Lord are firm,
and all of them are righteous.*

*¹⁰ They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;*

*they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.*

*¹¹ By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.*

*How has the law been beneficial or brought structure or guidance to your life?

*What does our difficulty to follow this perfect law say about us?

*How do we balance the goodness of the law with the understanding that what we really need is faith?

Jesus made a way for us to come into his family despite our struggle to follow the law

Read and discuss Galatians 3:24-29 (NIV)

²⁴ So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

*What is Paul saying about hierarchy in this passage?

*What helps you remember that you are a child of God and not under the law? How do you struggle to believe or live in that?

*How have you seen hierarchy upset the dream for God's family?

Now we are redeemed and adopted as children of God

Read and discuss Galatians 4:4-7 (NIV)

⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

*What does it mean to be adopted to sonship?

*Where do you need to exchange or forget your old identity for the new one of child of God?

*How is the Spirit prompting you to live into the life of the adoption we have in God?