

Freed From The Law
Galatians 3:10-18

I. Pronouncement of Law - 3:10-12

1. Law requires obedience - 10
Perfect obedience required - Deut.27:26
Curse pronounced on all law breakers
Since all broke the Law, all are cursed
2. Law cannot declare righteous – 11
Under Law justification was by faith - Hab.2:4
3. Can't combine Law & Faith – 12
Law can only Justify perfection - Lev. 18:5
Broken Law can only pronounce a curse
Law and Faith are mutually exclusive

II. Provision of Christ - 3:13, 14

1. Christ bore our curse – 13
Law condemns, under a curse - Deut. 21:23
Christ took our sin & the curse on Himself
2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18
Redeemed us from the curse, paid penalty
2. Brings us into Abraham's blessing - 14
Blessing Included Gentiles
Unfulfilled until Christ came – Eph. 2:11-22
Gentiles share blessing by faith in Christ
Gentiles now share promise of the Spirit
3. To return to Law nullifies work of Christ
To do so only puts us back under the curse
Blessing for Gentiles remains unfulfilled

III. Permanence of Covenant - 3:15-18

1. Ratified covenants, unchangeable - 15
True even among humans
Cannot disannul or add to its provisions
God wants us to honor promises - Psa.15:4
God ratified covenant with Abraham - Gen. 15
God's integrity at stake if He changes terms
2. Abrahamic covenant included seed - 16
God covenanted with Abraham, kept His word
Confirmed His covenant with Isaac & Jacob
Word seed, being singular, refers to Christ
God's covenant with Abraham fulfilled in Christ
Terms of covenant must remain until Christ
Gentiles in Christ are Abraham's seed - 3:29
3. Later covenant cannot change this - 17
God confirmed His covenant to include Christ
The law did not come until 430 years later
Law cannot disannul or change promises
Purpose of law, not to disannul covenant
4. Can't change basis of the covenant - 18
Promise to Abraham was unconditional
Promises made by God while Abraham slept
To add law-keeping changes conditions
Not based on promise but performance
God gave it to Abraham as a promise