

The Proof of God's Covenant and Promise

Galatians 03: 15–18

1 *God gave a covenant that is permanent, lasting*

- a. A human covenant stands
- b. The point:
God's covenant stands even more

2 *God made His covenant with Abraham and his seed*

- a. Stated emphatically
- b. The seed is Christ

3 *God gave His covenant of faith before He gave the law*

4 *God gave His covenant or inheritance (righteousness) by promise - not by law*

15 Brothers,
let me take an example from everyday life.
Just as no one can set aside
or add to a human covenant
that has been duly established,
so it is in this case.

16 The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed.
The Scripture does not say "and to seeds,"
meaning many people,
but "and to your seed,"
meaning one person,
who is Christ.

17 What I mean is this:
The law, introduced 430 years later,
does not set aside the covenant
previously established by God
and thus do away with the promise.

18 For if the inheritance depends on the law,
then it no longer depends on a promise;
but God in his grace gave it to Abraham
through a promise.

The Proof of the Law's Powerlessness
Galatians 03: 19–22

1 *The law was given to reveal sin
- to make men more aware of their sins*

2 *The law was temporary*

3 *The law was not given by God,
but through a mediator:
therefore, it is inferior*

4 *The law has no power to give life*

5 *The law declares
that the whole world
is a prisoner of sin*

19 What, then,
was the purpose of the law?
It was added because of transgressions
until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come.
The law was put into effect through angels by a mediator.

20 A mediator,
however, does not represent just 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 the Scripture declares
that the whole world is a prisoner of sin,
so that what was promised,
being given through faith in Jesus Christ,
might be given to those who believe.

The Proof of What Faith Does for Us

Galatians 03: 23–29

<p>1 <i>Faith in Christ frees us from supervision of the law</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The law was a prison for manb. The law was a guardian or teacher for manc. The power of faith in Christ frees us from the bondage of the law <p>2 <i>Faith makes us children of God</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. By causing us to focus upon Christ Jesusb. By clothing us with the righteousness and Sonship of Christ <p>3 <i>Faith in Christ makes us one: Eliminates all distinctions and prejudices</i></p> <p>4 <i>Faith in Christ makes us heirs of the promise</i></p>	<p>23 Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed.</p> <p>24 So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith.</p> <p>25 Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.</p> <p>26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,</p> <p>27 For all of you who were Baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.</p> <p>28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.</p> <p>29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.</p>
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The Proof of Christ and the Fullness of Time

Galatians 04:01–07

1. *There was a time*

when the world was in bondage

a. A child:

An illustration

- 1) Is under guardians and trustees
- 2) Inherits the estate
at the appointed time

b. The world:

Its elementary education by law

2. *There was a fullness of time* *when God delivered the word*

a. How:

God sent His own Son as a man,
under the law

b. Why?

To redeem the world

c. Results

- 1) We are adopted as God's sons
- 2) We receive assurance
of acceptance by the Spirit
- 3) We become heirs of God

1 What I am saying is that

as long as the heir is a child,
he is no different from a slave,
although he owns the whole estate.

2 He is subject to guardians and trustees
until the time set by his father.

3 So also, when we were children,
we were in slavery
under the basic principles of the world.

4 But when the time had fully come,
God sent his Son,
born of a woman,
born under law,

5 To redeem those under law,
that we might receive the full rights of sons.

6 Because you are 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 a son;
and since you are a son,
God has made you also an heir.