Galatians Lesson 5

WE ARE ALL CHILDREN OF GOD THROUGH FAITH

Galatians 3:15–29

Key Verse: 3:26

* THE LAW DOES NOT SET ASIDE THE PROMISE (15–18)

1. What is the nature of a human covenant? (3:15) What were God’s promises to Abraham, and how were they fulfilled in Christ? (3:16; 3:8; Ge22:18) When was the law introduced, and why did it not do away with God’s promise? (3:17) On what basis did God give his promised inheritance to Abraham? (3:18)

* THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW (19-25)

1. For what purpose did God add the law? (3:19a; Ro7:7,13) Why did God have to give his law to his sinful people through angels and a mediator? (3:19b–20; Ex19:21–22) What did Paul say about the relationship between the law and God’s promise? (3:21a) What is the law’s limitation? (3:21b)
2. What does it mean that “Scripture has locked up everything under the control of sin”? (3:22a; Ro3:10–20) Who alone receives what was promised? (3:22b) What was our situation before faith in Christ was revealed to us? (3:23) What is the ultimate purpose of the law? (3:24) In Christ, what is our new relationship to the law? (3:25)

* WE ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS (26–29)

1. Read 3:26–27. What is our new identity in Christ Jesus? Why is this so amazing and graceful? (1Jn3:1; 1Pe2:10) How does this happen to us? (3:27) What is the spiritual meaning of “baptized into Christ”? (Ro6:3–5) What does it mean to be “clothed with Christ”? (Ro13:13–14; Eph4:22–24) What does it mean to you to be a child of God?
2. In Christ, what is our new relationship with other believers, regardless of human distinctions? (3:28) How can we accept all kinds of people into our community, and why should we? (Ro15:7; Rev7:9) How did Paul emphasize the new status of those who belong to Christ, Jew or Gentile? (3:29)