

KEY WORD

The Law: God gave the Law to help His people realize they were sinful and imperfect and therefore needed a Savior - Jesus. When Jesus came to rescue us from sin and death, we no longer needed the Law. Even today, some try to create rules to dictate a relationship with God.

SCRIPTURE

PRIMARY TEXT:

Galatians 2:15 - 3:22

OBSERVATION AND APPLICATIONS

Read Galatians 2:15-3:22.

- Read Galatians 2:20. What does Paul mean in Galatians 2:20 when he says, “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me”?

- Read Galatians 3:2. In Galatians 3:2, Paul asks, “Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by believing what you heard?” How does relying on the Spirit differ from trying to earn God’s favor through your efforts?

- Read Galatians 3:6-9. How does Paul use Abraham’s example in Galatians 3:6-9 to explain faith and righteousness?

- Read Galatians 3:13. In Galatians 3:13, Paul writes, “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse for us.” How does understanding Christ’s sacrifice free us from the burden of trying to earn salvation through the Law?

- Read Galatians 3:19-22. According to Galatians 3:19-22, what was the purpose of the Law, and how does it relate to the promise of faith in Christ?

PRAYER

God, help our starting place be our recognition of our need for Your grace. Lord, help us to recognize where and how we are living under the Law and how it dictates our relationship with You. Lord, help us to walk in the freedom that You provide.

SCRIPTURE

Write which passage of scripture you are reading.

OBSERVATION

What is this text saying? What is the context? How does it fit with the verses before and after it? Are there any commands or instructions?

APPLICATION

How can you apply this verse to your life? What does this mean today? What is God saying to you?

PRAYER

Respond to the passage in prayer. Ask God to help you apply this truth to your life and spend some time listening to what He may be telling you.
