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Bible Study Series: Living by Faith – Galatians

Lesson 18. Guardian and Tutor – Gal. 3:23-25

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Intro: If salvation has always been by grace through faith, then why was the Law given? What purpose does it serve? Last week we learned from verses 19-22 that the law proves we are sinners and proves we need a Savior. This week we learn what it means that the law is our guardian and tutor.

- I. Kept Under Guard – vs. 23
 - A. Before Faith (prior to Christ/salvation)
 - B. Bondage – Rom. 1:18-21; 2:14-15; 6:16; 7:7, 9
 1. Imprisoned, jailed
 2. No escape (beyond faith)
 3. Locked up as slaves of sin
 4. Cannot avoid condemnation – the end of the law is death
 - C. Bound until Faith – which would be revealed – Rom. 7:13-25
 - D. “God kills in order to make alive.” - Luther
- II. Our Pedagogue – vs. 24-25
 - A. Disciplinarian
 1. Training boys from ages 7-17
 2. Manners, obedience, propriety
 3. Strict, even harsh – 1 Cor. 4:15, 21
 - B. Bringing Us to Christ – “Until Christ”
 1. No training us, but torturing us
 2. “With its whipping, the law draws us to Christ.” – Luther
 3. The Law is our Jailer and Taskmaster to drive us to justification by faith
 - C. After Faith, the Tutor Retired
 1. “The Law in all its aspects was implicated in Christ’s curse bearing on the cross. When He cried, ‘It is finished!’ Christ brought an end to the epoch of the Law in its entirety as prison guard and pedagogue.” – Timothy George
 2. Mt. Sinai is terminated at Mt. Calvary!
 3. By faith, there is no more condemnation – Romans 8:1-11

Cross References

Romans 1:18-21

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Romans 2:14-15

14 for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, 15 who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)

Romans 6:16

16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

Romans 7:7

7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet."

Romans 7:9

9 I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died.

Romans 7:13-25

13 Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful. 14 For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. 15 For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. 16 If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. 17 But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. 19 For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. 20 Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. 21 I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. 22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

1 Corinthians 4:15

15 For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

1 Corinthians 4:21

21 What do you want? Shall I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?

Romans 8:1-11

8 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

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