

**1. Like a WILL that cannot be changed, so is God's PROMISE to Abraham fulfilled in Jesus.**

*Galatians 3:15-18*

God's promise to Abraham wasn't His first promise – He made a promise to all of His created order that He would send a "SNAKE CRUSHER" who would put an end to the curse that sin had plunged us into.

*"What is the difference between them [the promise and the Law]? In the promise to Abraham God said, 'I will ... I will ... I will ...'. But in the law of Moses God said, 'Thou shalt ... thou shalt not ...'. The promise sets forth a religion of God—God's plan, God's grace, God's initiative. But the law sets forth a religion of man—man's duty, man's works, man's responsibility. The promise (standing for the grace of God) had only to be believed. But the law (standing for the works of men) had to be obeyed."*

— Martin Luther, *Commentary on the Epistle to the Galatians*

**2. The purpose of the Law wasn't to demonstrate someone to be RIGHT but to show them CONDEMNED.**

*Galatians 3:19-20, Romans 3:20, Acts 7:53*



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### 3. The Law is like a JAIL and a "MANNY" rather than a means to life.

*Galatians 3:21-25, Romans 11:32*

Being found GUILTY under "the control of sin," all people were "locked up" equally; but, likewise, the promise was made available to all people through FAITH regardless of their nationality, ethnicity or former religions.

*"As believers, if we seek to relate to God on the basis of the Mosaic law rather than faith, we are in essence turning away from the freedom and maturity that comes from faith in Christ to return to a state of confinement and supervision befitting a child."*

- Matthew S. Harmon, *Galatians*



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**So what are we to do with all of this truth regarding the Promise that is superior to the Law:**

- Receive it by FAITH – trust that what Jesus accomplished on the cross is sufficient for your forgiveness and put your confidence in Him
- Stop trying to EARN right standing with God by keeping rules – you are right with Him if you've put your faith in Jesus
- PRAY for people in your oikos who have yet to be freed by faith in the Gospel

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