

Grace Loves the Law

- Galatians 3v15-25

Do I need the law?

If I am saved by grace and not by my performance, does that mean I no longer need the law?

How are we made right with God?

'...a person is not justified by w_____ of the l_____, but by f_____ in J_____ ' 2v16

Without the law we would not see our n_____ of Christ and without the law we do not know how to

p_____ Christ. The law is necessary for the u_____ and the law is necessary for the b_____.

To help us see the relationship between grace and law we are going to look at two big ideas.

1. God's Gracious Covenant

A Covenant is: '*A chosen r_____ between two parties ordered according to specific p_____.*'

Permanent promise v15

Read v15b

What did God promise Abraham? Genesis 12v2-3

God's promise is permanent. It's un_____. It can't be a_____. It's b_____.

Unconditionally fulfilled v16

The promises God made could only be fulfilled by one person.

Salvation would come to many through one.

What was the purpose of cutting up the animals? Genesis 15v9-10

Who walked through the cut up animals? Genesis 15v17-18

Christ fulfils the promise by o_____ the law for us and taking the p_____ for our disobedience of the law.

Received by faith v17

Although God gave the law to Moses, God was not changing his mind about how to save people.

When did God give the law to Israel – Before they were rescued; or After they were rescued?

What does this teach us about God?

God never says: *O_____ me and then I will s_____ you.* God always says: *I will s_____ you so that you can o_____ me.*

Dependent on grace v18

An inheritance is dependent on the will of the one who willed it.

How did Abraham receive the inheritance promised to him?

2. God's Gracious Law

Four reasons why the law is good and necessary for us. It shows us we are:

Completely sinful v19

Without God's *I_____* we would not know we are *s_____*.

The law means we are without *e_____*.

Utterly powerless v21-22

The *p_____* of the law is not to give us a way of being saved. It's there to show us we don't have the *p_____* to keep the law.

The more laws I add only reveals how powerless I am to *Love God*.

They show me how I should behave but they can't make me do it.

Desperately needy v23-24

You see the law shows us we are *s_____* and *p_____* so that we would see how desperately we need a *s_____*.

The law was like a prison warden reminding us ever day how we have failed, and how we keep on failing and will never be released.

The law is like a strict school master telling us what do and punishing us when we don't do it.

Grace *I_____* the law because the moral law of God drives us to God for *g_____*.

The law causes us to cry out: '*Save me.*' '*Help me.*' '*Christ be my saviour.*'

Deeply thankful v25

The law is no longer there to beat us up and c_____ us. The law now shows us how to live in a way that pleases God.

What is the purpose of the law for the Christian?

D_____ our t_____.

I obey God's law Not to earn his acceptance but because by faith I have received his acceptance.

E_____ God's f_____.

A church family who loves one another will enjoy life as God intended it to be.

The law leads us to Christ to say p_____ and Christ takes us back to the law to say t_____.

The law is not to be rejected it is necessary for both the unbeliever and the believer.

Grace loves the law and so do God's people.