

Letters of Paul

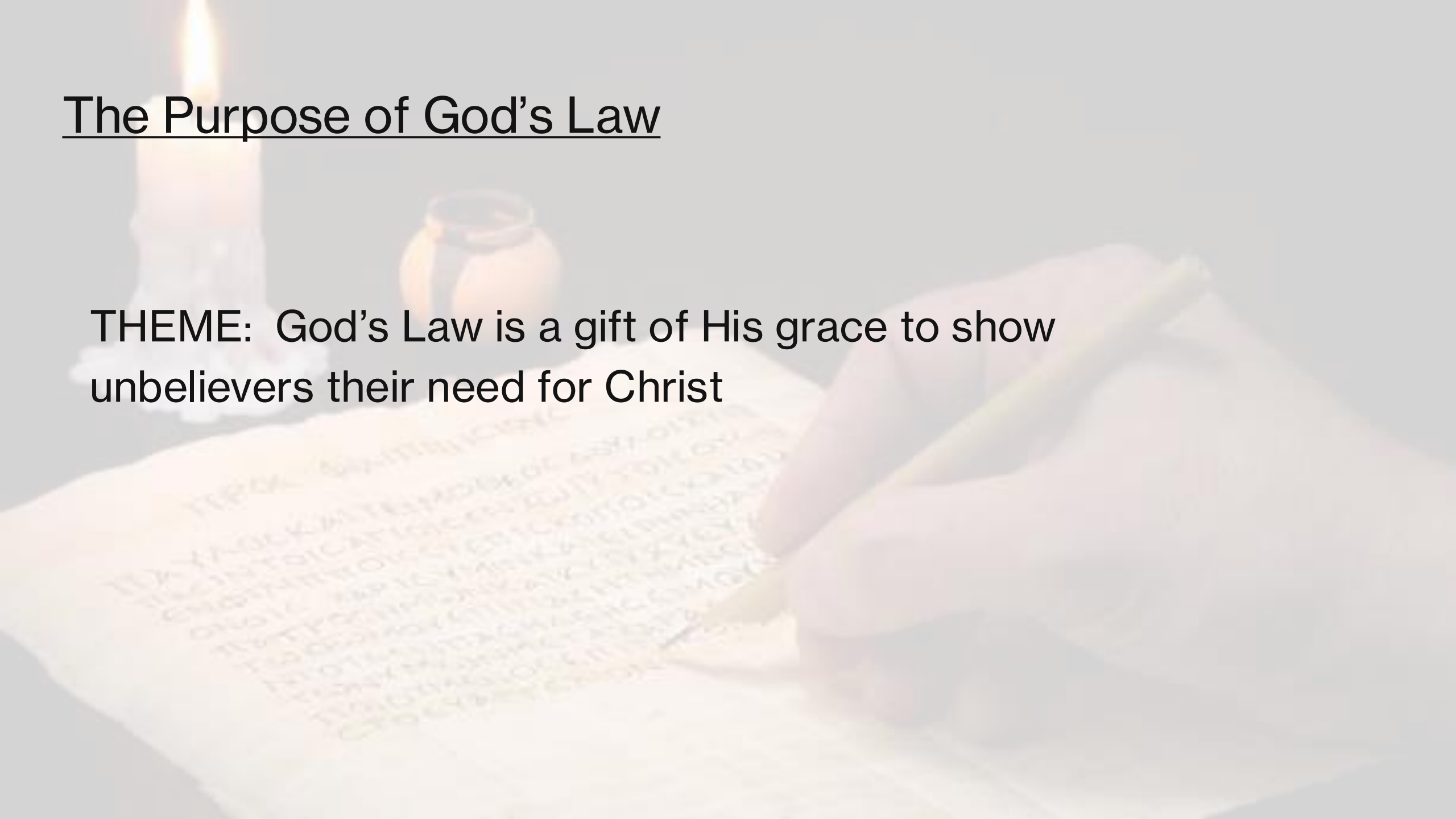
The Purpose of God's Law Galatians 3:15-29

Sojourners Fellowship



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THEME: God's Law is a gift of His grace to show unbelievers their need for Christ



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- I. The Coming of the Law Did Not Nullify God's Promise (15-18)
 - A. A covenant can't be unilaterally changed once it has been ratified (15)
 - B. Jesus was the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham (16)
 - C. In giving the Law, God did not set aside His promise (17)
 - D. The blessings of Gods' promise are solely a gift of His grace (18)



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- II. The Law Serves to Show the Need for Christ (19-24)
 - A. It exposes the reality of human rebellion (19a)
 - 1. It was temporary (19c)
 - 2. It was inferior to God's promise (19b-20)

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 - A. It exposes the reality of human rebellion (19a)
 - B. The Law was never intended to impart spiritual life (21)
 - C. The Scripture holds everyone in bondage to their sin to reveal their need for Christ (22)
 - D. Two illustrations of the Law's function (23-24)
 - 1. The Law as a prison (23)
 - 2. The Law like a tutor (child-conductor) (24)

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- III. The Believer's New Standing in Christ (25-29)
 - A. No longer under the discipline of a tutor (25)
 - B. A true son of God in union with Christ and becoming like Christ (26-27)
 - C. One with other believers (28)
 - D. Heirs of the promise (29)

Implications & Applications

1. Praise God that He is faithful and His promises stand unchanged forever. Praise Him that He is the same yesterday and today and forever!
2. Although God's Law brings condemnation to us as sinners because we routinely violate His perfect standard, in reality it is a gift of His mercy and grace.
3. Praise God that by the convicting work of His Spirit, He uses His Law to drive us to our knees and show us our need for Christ.
4. We must never let racial, cultural or gender differences divide us. We must maintain a spirit of unity with all our brothers and sisters, for in Christ our standing before God is the same.
5. Praise God for the new standing He has given us, accomplished through the life, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.