

PRIORITY OF THE PROMISE

Paul's Contrast of the Promise and the Law

Galatians 3:15-29

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Book Theme: Justification by Faith Alone

Book Theme Verse: Ga 2:16 nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus,

Lesson Verse: Ga 3:24 Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.

Theme: All men are indicted by the Law as sinful violators of God's holy standard. The purpose the Law is to lead men to Christ in order to be justified by faith

Major Covenants in the Bible

1.	Abrahamic	Gen 12	Uncond	Perm	land, seed, blessing and blessing for all people
2.	Mosaic	Exod 19	Cond	Temp	Blessing for obedience to Law
3.	Davidic	2 Sam 7	Uncond	Perm	Everlasting king
4.	New	Jer 31	Uncond	Perm	New heart and indwelling Holy Spirit

I. Priority of the Promise **15-18**

1. God's covenant promises to Abraham are permanent and unchangeable
2. God's covenant promises given to Abraham were for Christ and those who believe in Him
3. God's covenant with Abraham has priority over His covenant with Moses

II. Purpose of the Law 19-25

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2. The Law is a conditional covenant requiring man's obedience to receive God's blessing
3. The Law was not a new or an alternate means of salvation
4. The Law left man no way to escape the penalty of sin
5. The Law accomplished its purpose by conviction of sin, driving the need of a Savior

III. The Position of the Justified

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1. Sons of God come through faith in Christ alone, not as a result of their works
2. Sons of God live by faith and are enveloped in the life of Christ to do His will
3. Sons of God belong to one family in Christ and are equal in position with Christ
4. Sons of God are heirs to the promise of salvation

IV. Application

1. Allow the Law to convict you of your sin and lead you to cry out for forgiveness to the Jesus Christ, the Savior

Jn 3:17 Jn 14:6 Ac 16:31 Mk 16:15-16

2. Just as the righteousness credited to Abraham was permanent, so is the righteousness credited to us at salvation permanent, as well

Ro 3:22 Ro 5:9 2 Co 5:21

3. You are a son of God because He saved you by faith alone

Tt 3:5-6 Eph 2:8-9.

4. You are a son of God and in Christ, living by faith to do good works

Ga 2:20 Mt 5:16 Eph 2:10 Col 1:10

5. You are a son of God and belong to His family in unity and equality

Eph 2:19 1 Jn 3:1 1 Co 12:13 Col 3:11

6. You are a son of God and an heir according to the promise

2 Co 1:20-22 Jn 6:40 Jn 10:28

Mac: This inheritance is not in reference to the promises given to Abraham regarding the land, but refers to the spiritual blessings that come to all who, being justified by faith (as Abraham was) will inherit the spiritual promises God made to him; the promises of salvation

Stott: We cannot come to Christ to be justified until we have first been to Moses to be condemned. But once we have gone to Moses, and acknowledged our sin, guilt and condemnation, we must not stay there. We must let Moses send us to Christ