

The Mosaic Law

Galatians 3:10-25

1. Curse: Curse of the Law, but Christ Redeems vs. 10-14

Since Humanity cannot perfectly live out the law, humanity is under the law's curse of falling short of God's standard.

Christ redeems humanity from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for them (Deuteronomy 21:23); "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

2. Covenants: Primary- Abrahamic Covenant vs. 15-18

Mosaic Covenant should not be elevated above the promise God gave to Abraham, as it is the foundation of God's revelation to His people. Through this promise, Christ (the seed) is the climatic fulfillment of the promises given to Abraham. (Genesis 15:9-21)

3. Clarity: The Mosaic Law Reveals & Is Temporary vs. 19-25

The law was given in order to reveal sin, until Christ came and the Holy Spirit who convicts (Galatians 3:14; John 16:7-11; Romans 8:1-11)

Conclusion:

Although the Mosaic law was given to reveal sin and became a curse upon humanity, it was only temporary, as God's promise through Abraham was fulfilled through Jesus Christ who redeemed us from our sin and we now experience the promise of the Holy Spirit.

Questions:

- 1) Think back to your conversion, or the first time you understood the gospel. How did your view of God's law change?
- 2) Why do you obey God's law? What would be considered a wrong reason for obeying God's law?
- 3) If someone asked, "Since we cannot earn salvation by works, why is living rightly so important to a follower of Christ?" How would you answer their question?