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Outline Galatians 3:15-4:7

Clarifying the promises of the Law: Galatians 3:15-22

The covenant of Abraham- Galatians 3:15-18

Paul talks to the Jew and Gentiles about God's promises to Abraham. The Jews believe that we get our righteousness from following the law, but Paul attested that we are righteous through God's covenant with Abraham. God told Abraham that He will bless the nation through his offspring and they will be His people. This promise shows that the law is not what makes us His people since this promise was about 400 years before the law. Paul then reiterates this by saying that it is impossible to receive the inheritance from being children of God through the law. If you trust the promise that the seed will come, then your inheritance is through Christ, since He is the seed/offspring of Abraham.

The point of the Law- Galatians 3:19-20

Paul explains that the law of Moses acted as a mediatory that shows us our sin. Before the offspring came (Jesus) we used the law as a way to reflect on our sins and make us realize that we are in need of a savior even more. But, after Jesus came, we no longer need the law to be our play that role since Jesus is our new mediator.

The Law does not contradict the promises of God- Galatians 3:21-22

Paul answers his own question of “Does the law contradict God’s promise?” He explains that the law does not contradict the promise of God, but instead helps humans realize their need for Jesus due to our sins and inability to fully uphold the law.

Abraham’s offspring is the children of God- Galatians 3:23-29

The law was our guardian until the coming of Christ- Galatians 3:23-25

Paul continues to explain the reason behind the law. Before Jesus, we were “imprisoned” under the law and we needed faith (Jesus) to take us away from it. The law was meant to guide us (a tutor, guide, guardian, schoolmaster, etc) so that when the time comes we are ready and able to inherit God’s promise by having faith in Jesus.

Inheritance through Christ not works- Galatians 3:26-29

Now referring to the Gentiles(non-Christian people), Paul states that the Gentile Christians believed who Jesus was and wanted to get baptized through their faith in Christ, are now heirs of God’s kingdom. It is impossible to save ourselves through the law, we get saved through Jesus.

In God’s kingdom we are all equal and one regardless of background, gender, etc.

Equality for all in the kingdom of God- Galatians 4:1-7

We are no longer slaves to the law- Galatians 4:1-5

Paul uses the metaphor that prior to the coming of Christ, though we are heirs, we were a slave to the world and the law. It was not until it was time for Christ to come that we are able to be freed

from the law. Our redemption is no longer under a guardian (the law), it is through Jesus that all people can receive this inheritance.

Receiving the Spirit through Christ- Galatians 4:6-7

When we become children of God we receive the Spirit of the Lord in our hearts and we are able to inherit what God had planned for us. If you put your faith in Jesus Christ then you are redeemed from being a slave and you're an heir through Him.

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