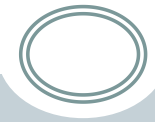


# Paul's Letter to the Galatians



# Lesson 6 - Review



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- Justification by law?

# Lesson 7 – Galatians 3:19-4:7



- Introduction
- Read Galatians 3:19-4:7
- Comments/Questions

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- 1. “(The law) was added because of transgressions.” 3:19
  - ✦ a. What does Paul mean by the phrase “because of transgressions”? Consider these passages in Romans:
    - Romans 3:20
    - Romans 4:13-15
    - Romans 5:13
    - Romans 7:7-13
  - ✦ b. How long was the law “added”?
  - ✦ c. What was the law “added” to? the promise?
- 2. Thought Question: Did God give the law with the intent that man would abide by it and be saved by it? (Reconsider these passages: Galatians 2:21; 3:18, 21)

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- 3. “So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came.” (3:23-24)
  - ✦ a. What do verses 23 and 24 give as the law’s function as a guardian?
  - ✦ b. Other translations (KJV, ASV, NKJV) call the law a “tutor” instead of a guardian. We use the word “tutor” to refer to one who instructs or teaches others. Are the functions identified above teaching functions, i.e. is Paul saying that the law was a teacher to those under it? (see also 4:1-2)
  - ✦ c. Does the law still perform this function? (3:25)
  
- ❖ In 3:26-4:7, Paul returns to his thoughts about the “seed of Abraham.”

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- 4. In 3:18, Paul spoke of the inheritance that is associated with the promise. In 3:29, he implies that the seed of Abraham are “heirs according to the promise.”
  - ✦ a. Generally, who is the heir of a person?
  - ✦ b. So, to be heirs of God is the same as being \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (3:26; 4:5-7)
- 5. Since Paul argued that the “offspring” (singular) of Abraham is Christ (3:16), how is it that we (plural) are to be considered “Abraham’s offspring”?
- 6. Read and consider 3:28. Does this passage mean that there are not to be any distinctions between people in Christ? Support your answer with scripture.

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- 7. Paul speaks of the time to “when we were children.” (4:3) To what time is he referring?
- 8. What does Paul mean by the expression “fullness of time”? (4:4)
- 9. Was it necessary that Christ be “born under the law”? (4:4)
- 10. Compare 4:6-7 with Romans 8:12-17.