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Galatians 3

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- REVIEW
 - OVERVIEW OF LAW
 - GOD'S PURPOSE
 - LIMITS OF CONSCIENCE
- GALATIANS 3 TEXT
- WHAT LAW CANNOT DO
- WHAT LAW WAS INTENDED TO DO

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- REVIEW
 - OVERVIEW OF LAW
 - GOD IS CREATOR
 - POWER IS ABSOLUTE OVER THE CREATION
 - RIGHT TO COMMAND, KEEP OR DISPOSE
 - COMMANDS ARE LAW
 - SPOKEN OR CODIFIED
 - BODY OF AND SINGLY
 - DEFINE SIN THUS GIVING IT “LIFE”, INFLUENCE
 - SPECIFIES PENALTY FOR SIN, ERROR, “MISSING THE MARK”

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- REVIEW
 - GOD'S PURPOSE
 - LAW DESIGNED TO BRING LIFE
 - PRIESTHOOD
 - SPECIAL PEOPLE
 - TREASURE
 - LIMITS OF CONSCIENCE

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- REVIEW
 - LIMITS OF CONSCIENCE
 - BEARS WITNESS
 - ACCUSE
 - EXCUSE
 - CONVICTS
 - CAN BE FAULTY
 - IGNORANT, MISINFORMED, SEARED, DEFILED
 - CANNOT INSTITUTE OR CHANGE LAW
 - THEREFORE NOT THE LAW, STANDARD

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- Ga 3:10-14 NKJV; For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them." 11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith." 12 Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man who does them shall live by them." 13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

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- Ga 3:15-18 NKJV; Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man's covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it. 16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ. 17 And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. 18 For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.

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- Ga 3:23-27 NKJV; But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. 24 Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. 26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

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 - CONFINED UNDER CURSE OF THE LAW
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 - CANNOT JUSTIFY
 - CONFINED UNDER SIN
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- REMEDY IS LIVING BY FAITH NOT BY THE LAW

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- **WHAT LAW CANNOT DO**
 - **CANNOT ANNUL A PROMISE OR A COVENANT**
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 - **GOD'S PROMISE AND SUBSEQUENT COVENANT INTACT**
 - **LAW CANNOT BE ELEVATED BY OUR OPINION**

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- **WHAT LAW CANNOT DO**
 - **CANNOT PERFECT A RELATIONSHIP**
 - **REQUIRES A MEDIATOR**
 - Gal 3:19, 20 NKJV; ¶ What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. 20 Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one.
 - **GODHEAD IS UNITED AND DOES NOT REQUIRE A MEDIATOR**
 - **THEREFORE WE ARE THE PARTY REQUIRING MEDIATION**
 - **MOSES, MEDIATOR OF THE OLD LAW, CHRIST THE NEW**

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- WHAT LAW CANNOT DO
 - 1Ti 2:5 NKJV; For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,
 - Heb 8:6 NKJV; But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.
 - Heb 9:15 NKJV; And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.
 - Heb 12:24 NKJV; to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

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- WHAT LAW CANNOT DO

- CANNOT GIVE LIFE

- Gal 3:21, 22 NKJV; Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. 22 But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.
- Ro 5:12-14 NKJV; Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned-- 13 (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

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- WHAT LAW WAS INTENDED TO DO
 - PRESERVE UNTIL PROMISE KEPT
 - Gal 3:23-25 NKJV; But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. 24 Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.
 - KEEP UNDER GUARD FOR THE FAITH
 - INSTRUCT UNTIL CHRIST CAME
 - PROTECT UNTIL THE FAITH CAME

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- WHAT LAW WAS INTENDED TO DO

- GIVE LIFE

- Ro 7:7 -12 NKJV; What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet." 8 But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. 9 I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. 10 And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. 11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me. 12 Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.

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- WHAT LAW WAS INTENDED TO DO
 - PRESERVE BY OBEDIENCE
 - De 6:24 NKJV; 'And the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day.
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- CONCLUSION
- Heb 8:6-12 NKJV; But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. 7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. 8 Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah-- 9 "not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD. ...

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- CONCLUSION
- Heb 8:6-12 NKJV cont; 10 "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 11 "None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. 12 "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."