



**Series:** Thriving in Grace  
**Passage:** Galatians 3:10-29  
**Title:** The Problem with God's Law and the Power of God's Promise  
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**Discussion Starter** – We all want to move into a closer relationship with Jesus, but “having begun in the Spirit, can we be made perfect in the flesh”? (Galatians 3:3) How do you evaluate the growth in your relationship with Jesus? How does He evaluate His relationship with you? Do you value quantity over quality? Do your acts of devotion and service matter? Why?

### **Read Galatians 3:9-18**

1. What is the curse associated with those who are of the works of the law? Why is this curse universal?
2. How can humans be redeemed from the curse of the Law? Through Whom are the Gentiles able to participate in the blessings of Abraham?
3. What promise is referenced in verse 16? Who were the parties to the promise?
4. What are the four things named in the message that the law cannot do for us?
5. Why can Paul plainly declare that law and promise are mutually exclusive as different means to gain the inheritance? Aren't both important?

### **Read Galatians 3:19-25**

6. If we can't achieve the inheritance by the law, (v 18), what is its purpose?
  - a. Do you think of your sinful shortfalls as failures? How might that attitude be the result of a prideful view of yourself?
7. At what point has the law served its purpose as a tutor? Does that mean it has no more usefulness?
  - b. How is God's law useful to you as a child of faith? (Psalm 19, Psalm 119)

### **Read Galatians 3:26-29**

8. What does Paul say is the only means for anyone to be declared a son of God?
9. Jesus clothed Himself in humanity so that we could clothe ourselves in Him. What is conveyed by the word picture, “baptized into Christ”, or “put on Christ”?
  - c. Does your life reflect the behaviors you would expect to see in a person who has “died and his life is hidden with Christ in God”? (Colossians 3:3)