

## Sermon: The Purpose of the Law

August 2, 2020

**Scripture:** Galatians 3:15-25

**I. Abrahams covenant is based on an unfailing \_\_\_\_\_  
from God. Galatians 3:15–18**

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Law. Galatians 3:19–20  
Romans 5:12–13**

**1. The Law revealed men to be sinners. Romans 13:1–4**

**2. The Law makes men conscious of sin. Romans 3:19-20**

**3. The Law was given by angels. In Acts 7:53; 1 Timothy 2:5**

**III. The Law \_\_\_\_\_ to faith.  
Galatians 3:21–25**

**1 Faith fulfills the \_\_\_\_\_ God made to  
Abraham. ; Romans 3:23-28**

**2. Faith revealed the grace God intends for believers. 2 Corinthians  
3:6**

**3. The end of the need for a schoolmaster. John 1:17; Romans 8:3–4  
John 16:7–8**

**Thought for the day.** Paul is emphasizing the blessings of faith in this letter. He does give instruction on the purpose of the Law. The Law revealed God's view on man's lifestyle. Man's reason and character revealed we are sinners by nature. What was once morally wrong was now legally wrong. Even though the Jews had the Law as a guide the people ignored its instruction. They failed to recognize authority. **Judges 21:25** <sup>25</sup> In those days *there was* no king in Israel: every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes. That attitude was the beginning of the downfall of the nation. Even after they had a king they still lived in the spirit of rebellion. Apart from God eventually man will try to live doing what is right in their eyes apart from what God's says is right. Grace and faith are a way of life. Faith says I trust God loves me and he has made rules to live by which will bless me. This means there are moral absolutes and God has recorded them in the Bible. America used to be a country where the government strived to assure what was legal was moral. We have become a country striving to assure “*what is right in his own eyes*” is legal. **Romans 13:1–3** <sup>1</sup> Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. <sup>2</sup> Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. <sup>3</sup> **For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:** God has ordained human government to protect us from evil. Why do men insist on attacking those who have been ordained by God to protect us? Perhaps it is because we really want to be free to do what is right in our own eyes no matter who may be hurt. **Pastor Bruce**