

"THE PLACE OF THE LAW IN GOD'S PROGRAM"

GALATIANS 3:19-22

I. THE LAW WAS FUNDAMENTALLY AN ADDITION (3:19-20)

- A. For A Specific Purpose: "Because Of Transgressions" (3:19a)
 - 1. Man Has An Instinctive Understanding Of Right And Wrong
 - 2. But Man Cannot Know That His Recalcitrance Is A Violation Of The Known Government Of God Apart From An Inspired Written Code That Specifies His Legal Transgressions Against His Maker And Thus Revealing Sin As *Sin*
- B. For A Temporary Purpose: "Till The Seed Should Come To Whom The Promise was Made" (3:19b)
- C. For A Mediate Purpose: "Ordained By Angels In The Hand Of A Mediator" (3:19c-20)
 - 1. The Law Came From God To Angels To Moses To Israel (3:19c)
 - 2. The Abrahamic Covenant Was Not Mediated That Way (3:20)

II. THE LAW, AS AN ADDITION, WAS NEVER MEANT TO WORK AGAINST GOD'S ORIGINAL PROMISE (3:21-22)

- A. Paul Hypothetically States A Wrong Premise About The Law (3:21)
- B. Scripture, However, Depicts The Law As A Jailor, Fulfilling Its Actual Function By Shutting All Humanity Up Within The Bounds Of Acknowledged Sin (3:22a)
- C. But Even The Law Flowed From God's Grace Because Through Its Condemning Purpose It Prepared Humanity To Receive The Lord Jesus Christ By Faith (3:22b)