

"THE LAW'S FUNCTION BEFORE CHRIST"

GALATIANS 3:23-24

I. PRIOR TO THE DISPENSATION OF GRACE, WITH ITS ENACTMENT OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE ON THE EARTH, MAN WAS KEPT IN CUSTODY (3:23)

- A. The Identity Of Those Kept In Custody (3:23a)
 - 1. Jews
 - 2. Anyone Who Ever Came In Contact With The Law
- B. The Jailor Keeping These In Custody (3:23b)
- C. The Future Experience For Which These Were Kept In Custody (3:23c)

II. WHILE THE LAW KEPT MEN IN CUSTODY IT SIMULTANEOUSLY FUNCTIONED AS A TUTOR (3:24)

- A. The Ministry Of A First Century Pedagogue Was To Groom A Child For Life
- B. The Majority Of The Old Testament Law Was Wrapped Up In The Sacrificial System
- C. The Objective Of The Entire Pedagogical Process Was To Point Men To Christ Resulting In Justification By Faith Alone