

GALATIANS

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Galatians 3:21-22

Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law. But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

A person in a white t-shirt and dark pants stands on a mountain peak, looking up at a cloudy sky with arms outstretched. The background shows a vast mountain range under a blue sky with a large, white, billowing cloud.

Galatians 3:23-24

But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.



Galatians 3:25-27

But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Galatians 3:28-29

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.

The way the law works in our lives:



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1. As a restrainer
(keeping us from the damage of sin)

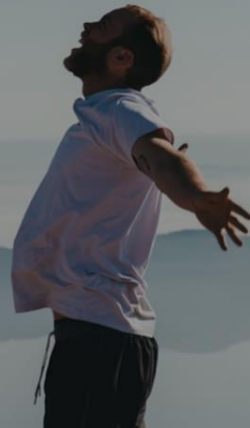


The way the law works in our lives:

1. As a restrainer

2. As a reflector

(Showing us our need of a Savior)



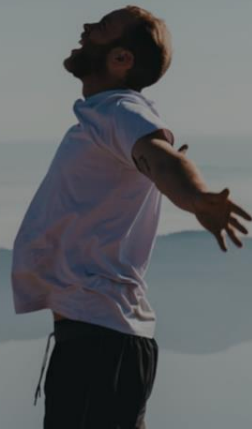
James 1:23-24

For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.



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*“the law made me hate God. The more
the law showed me what I should be, the
more I realized what I wasn’t”*
Martin Luther



*What the law requires is freedom
from the law!
Martin Luther*



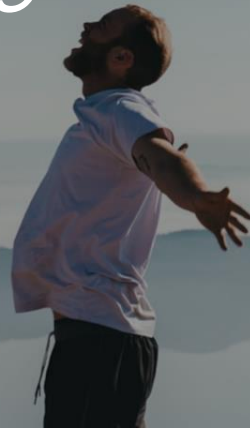
Ezekiel 36:26

*Moreover, I will give you a **new heart** and put a **new spirit** within you; and I will **remove the heart of stone** from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.*

The way the law works in our lives:

1. As a restrainer
2. As a reflector
3. As a guide

(Shows us what is pleasing to God)



*The law drives us to grace, but
grace drives us back to the law*



James 2:20-23

But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?



James 2:20-23

You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” and he was called the friend of God.

Galatians 4:1-3

Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father. So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world.

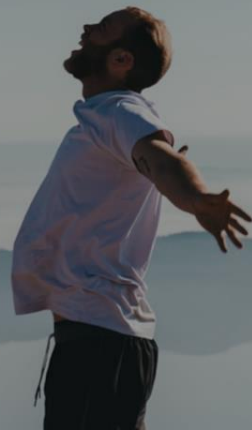


Galatians 4:4-5

*But when the fullness of the time came,
God sent forth His Son, born of a woman,
born under the Law, so that He might
redeem those who were under the Law,
that we might receive the adoption as
sons.*

Galatians 4:6

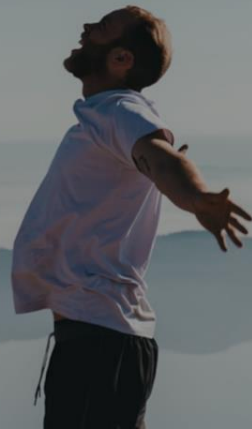
*Because you are sons, God has sent
forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts,
crying, “Abba! Father!”*



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Galatians 4:7

*Therefore you are **no longer a slave, but a son**; and if a son, then an heir through God.*



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Galatians 4:8

However at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods.



Galatians 4:9

However at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods. But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again?