

# *Galatians, Free in Grace*

## (8) The Doctrine of Grace

### *Argument #4, The Law cannot supersede the Promise...3:15-18*

What is Paul's next argument on why Faith, the Promise, is superior? vs.15

**From everyday life, you can't set aside (even) a legal human covenant (contract, will).**

How is this relevant to the argument(s) about not adding Law to Grace? vs.16 Gen.22:15-18

**The unconditional promise (...all the nations shall be blessed..) is not later set aside.**

What is the point made about "seed" in verse 16? see Gen.3:15

**Seed is singular and refers to Christ. It is 'in Him' that 'all nations/blessed'.**

What is the repeated emphasis of verse 17?

**The Law was given >430 years AFTER the Promise. The Law does not supersede Grace!**

And stated another way in verse 18...?

**Inheritance (righteousness) is by Grace via promise, NOT dependent on the Law!**

What are the summary points of Paul's arguments up to here? and the obvious next question?

**You're saved by faith, not law. Abraham saved by faith, not law. Law curses. The just live life by faith, not law. Promise of faith predates the Law. Law does NOT enhance faith.**

Reminder: What does the life of faith NOT look like? 5:13; Rom.6:1-2; 12-15; IPet.2:16

**Not abusing this grace! Not a 'cloak' for sinful deeds. It's always a heart issue...**

### *Argument #5, What, then, was the purpose of the Law?...3:19-22*

Since righteousness has *always* been by Grace, through faith, why the Law? vs.19a; Rom.7:13

**The Law was added temporarily (until Seed...) because of our sinfulness. Show sin as sin.**

What's another way to state the purpose of the Law? 3:24 ITim.1:8-11

**The Law makes the unrighteous despair over their sin, leads them to Christ and grace!**

### **Grace is meaningless to one who feels no need!**

What is Paul's next point re the Law/Promise? vs.19b-20 Acts 7:53; Heb.2:2 cp Gen.15

**Law came God->Angels->Moses->people. Promise was God->God! Abraham sleeping!**

What is the next *anticipated* question, and immediate response? vs.21a

**Aren't you saying that the Law is opposed to the Promise? Absolutely NOT! Unthinkable**

Why is the Law NOT opposed to the Promise? vs.21b 2:16, 21

**If ANY Law could impart life (save), then righteousness would be by THE LAW!**

But what does the Word of God declare about this? vs.22 Rom.7:7; 21-25

**Everyone is 'locked up' in sin so that the Promise (righteousness) is by faith in Christ only**

Why is this all an act of God's great mercy and grace?

**If righteousness did come by Law keeping, we would have a humanly impossible standard!**

**I thank God for salvation by Grace through faith! I'd never make it any other way...**