

“Not I, But Christ: Free From the Law”
Galatians 3:1-29

Freedom Thief: What God Began with Divine Grace and Promise, We Can Perfect by Human Grit and Performance

Remember Your Beginnings – Ga 3:1-5

- The Christian way is always “Spirit”... from start to finish – Ga 3:3
 - ... it is “foolish” to become fascinated with anything but the all-sufficiency of Christ – Ga 3:1
 - ... all the treasures of salvation are in Christ alone – Col 2:2-3
- God freely gave you His Spirit – Ga 3:5
 - ... the only life-giving, energizing dynamic in Christianity – Ga 3:2,3,5

Remember the Scriptures – Ga 3:6-9

- The only free life is the life of faith – Ga 3:6
 - ... righteousness and sonship are always freely received – Ga 3:7-9
 - ... “blessedness”: all the well-being that freely flows from God is never achieved by our performance but received by God’s promise – Ga 3:9

Remember the Law – Ga 3:10-14

- What the law does: reveals sin, arouses sin, empowers sin, convicts of sin – Ro 7:7-9; 1 Cor 15:56; 1 Tim 1:8-9
- What the law cannot do: remove the curse, justify a sinner, give God’s life – Ga 3:10-11; Ga 2:16; Ro 8:2,3
- Lawkeeping as a way to be righteous is a dead end – Ga 3:11,21
 - ... the only way to righteous living is faith in God’s promise ...Christ alone – Ga 3:13,14

Remember the Covenant – Ga 3:15-29

- The covenant God made with Abraham is irrevocable/unchangeable – Ga 3:15,17
 - ... the promise (to Abraham) came before the law (to Moses)- Ga 3:17
 - ... the “seed” (Christ) has the pre-eminence, not the law – Ga 3:16; Col 1:18
- The blessedness of God’s promise is always inherited, never merited – Ga 3:18
 - ... the Mosaic covenant was an interim and temporary arrangement - ...“added” ...“until” – Ga 3:19
 - ... the Abrahamic covenant was a permanent and forever promise – Ga 3:18,19
- Once we get to Christ - the Master – we are finished with the law – the slave – Ga 3:24-25; Ro 10:4
 - ... As sons of God through faith in Christ we are free – Ga 3:26
 - to be clothed/enrobed in His righteousness – Ga 3:27
 - to share equally in our oneness with Christ – Ga 3:28
 - to be full heirs of the Father – Ga 3:29
 - to live according to promise, not according to law – Ga 3:29