

# Bible Study Series: The Book of Galatians

## Chapter 3

### Verse 17

- A. Paul is driving home the illustration he gave in verse 15. Once two parties have made a legally binding agreement, a third party cannot come along and change it or disannul it.
- B. The Abrahamic covenant was an unconditional covenant. It was a covenant of \_\_\_\_\_.
- It was not based on Abraham's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - It was based on Abraham's \_\_\_\_\_. Romans 4:19-22

### Verse 18

- A. God promised Abraham that he would have an heir that would come from Abraham's own bowels. Genesis 15:4
- B. God gave it to Abraham by \_\_\_\_\_ and nothing can invalidate it. Romans 4:16

### Verse 19

- A. Paul has spent three chapters explaining that the law cannot justify the sinner and can only bring a curse.
- B. "*Wherefore then serveth the law?*" Paul knew this question would be inevitable.
- C. The law had a definite \_\_\_\_\_.
- The law was added to the promises God had already made to Abraham, but it did not \_\_\_\_\_ or make void those promises.
  - When God gave the law, He used \_\_\_\_\_ to ordain it to the hands of a mediator, who, of course, was Moses. Exodus 20
- D. The law served a definite \_\_\_\_\_.
- Paul said that "*it was added because of transgressions.*"
  - The law revealed God's righteousness in black and white, in clear terms that anyone could understand. "*...for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*" Romans 3:20

- The law was given that mankind might see the \_\_\_\_\_ wickedness of his heart and his need of God's grace. It was designed to show man that he has morally and legally broken God's law and that he stands \_\_\_\_\_ before a holy and righteous God. Romans 3:19; Romans 5:20

E. The law had a definite \_\_\_\_\_.

- Paul teaches that the law was added "...till the seed should come to whom the promise was made."
- According to verse 16, that seed is \_\_\_\_\_. cf. John 1:17
- Christ's sacrificial death for sin on the cross ended the law. Christ was the only one to \_\_\_\_\_ God's righteous law. He then went to the cross and paid the law's \_\_\_\_\_ for every sin in the world. 2 Corinthians 5:19
- This is why Paul said that Christ abolished the law (Ephesians 2:15) and \_\_\_\_\_ it out of the way (Colossians 2:14).
- Now the primary question is not, "Have you \_\_\_\_\_?" This can be clearly revealed in a matter of minutes using God's law.
- The primary question is, "Have you \_\_\_\_\_ on the Son?"
  - *"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that **believeth** on him is not condemned: but he that **believeth** not is condemned already, because he hath not **believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God."*  
**John 3:17-18**
  - *"For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that **believeth**." Romans 10:4*
  - *"Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that **believeth** that Jesus is the Son of God?" 1 John 5:5*
  - *"He that **believeth** on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that **believeth** not God hath made him a liar; because he **believeth** not the record that God gave of his Son." 1 John 5:10*