

Hurstbourne Baptist Church: April 26, 2020
Sermon Notes on Galatians 3:19-22
"Why the Law?"

- **Sermon Outline**
 - The _____ of Misusing the Law of God
 - Three General Biblical Principles about the Law of God
 - Three Specific Biblical Principles about the Law of God from Galatians 3:19-22
- **Driving Question in Galatians 3:19**, "If salvation is founded upon the _____ of God, then what's the purpose of the _____ of God?"
- **The Danger of Misusing the Law of God**
 - Misuse of the Law is _____.
 - The Accuser of the Jews is not _____ (John 5:45).
 - The Accuser of the Jews is _____, on whom they set their hope (John 5:45).
- **Three General Biblical Principles about the Law of God**
 - The Law of God is **not** _____.
 - The Law of God is _____.
 - The Law of God _____ right and wrong.
- **Three Specific Biblical Principles about the Law of God from Galatians 3:19-22**
 - The Law of God _____ confer life or righteousness.
 - The Law of God _____ transgressions, not righteousness.
 - The Law of God functions to _____ everyone in sin.
- **Critical Gospel Question: How does the Law of God catapult us towards the Gospel of Jesus Christ?**
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- The spiritual function of the law is "to reveal to a person his sin, blindness, misery, his ignorance, hatred, and contempt of God, his death, hell and condemnation. This is the principal purpose of the Law and its most valuable contribution. As long as a person is not a murderer, an adulterer, or a thief, he would swear that he is righteous. How is God going to humble a such a person, except by the law? The Law is the hammer of death, the thunder of hell, and the lightning of God's wrath" (Luther, *Galatians*, 82).

- "It is the relation between the two clauses that constitutes the interpretive problem. In what way does the affirmation that God is one form an antithesis to what is said about the mediator? The number of solutions offered to the problem have been reckoned to exceed 300" (Bruce, *Galatians*, 178).

- "We cannot sew with the silken thread of the Gospel unless we first pierce with the sharp needle of the law" (Flockhart).

- *Run John run, the law demands,
But gives me neither feet nor hands;
Far better news the Gospel brings:
It bids me fly and gives me wings.*
(Poem attributed to John Bunyan, 1628-1688)

- *When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me*
(Charitie Lees Smith, "Before the Throne of God Above," 1863)

NOTE: Beloved Church family, you know that that I love a good quote! However, no theologian is perfect, and nobody's theology is perfect. Only the Scriptures are perfect! If you read the works of any of these authors, please use discernment. I do not agree with many things that these men have written. Here's the rule: always test the wisdom of men by the unerring Word of God. God's Word is our final authority for all matters of faith and doctrine. In Acts 17, Paul and Silas preached at the Jewish synagogue in Berea. The Bereans double checked everything that Paul preached by the Scriptures. Acts 17:11 says this about the Bereans, "The Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true."