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A Cry for Freedom

GRACE THAT IS STILL AMAZING

A STUDY OF GALATIANS

Lesson 6

Christians, Covenants, and Laws

Galatians 3:15-29



March 1, 2026



Bible Study Prayer

**Father, as we turn to the Bible,
What we know not - teach us,
What we have not - give us,
What we are not - make us,
For your Son's sake,
Amen.**



Christians, Covenants, and Laws - Galatians 3:15-29

A Wee Bit of Background

Tanakh – Jewish Bible

Torah (The Law/Instruction)

Nevi'im (The Prophets)

Ketuvim (The Writings)



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A Wee Bit of Background

Torah Laws – the Mitzvot

613 Total

Positive Commandments - Mitzvot Aseh

Actions you are required to do (e.g., honor your parents). – 248

Negative Commandments - Mitzvot Lo Taaseh

Actions you are forbidden from doing (e.g., do not steal). - 365



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A Wee Bit of Background

Torah Laws – the Mitzvot

Moral Law	The Ten Commandments; basic right/wrong
Civil Law	Daily laws for the ancient nation of Israel
Ceremonial Law	Sacrifices, dietary laws, and purity rituals



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A Wee Bit of Background

Contract vs Covenant



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A Wee Bit of Background

Contract vs Covenant

Contract

Protects Both parties

Temporary

If / Then

Legal Arrangement

Breakable

Covenant

Connects Both Parties

Permanent

Even If

Moral Arrangement

Unbreakable



The Abrahamic Covenant

Galatians 3:15-18

(Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 15 & 17)



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The Abrahamic Covenant - Galatians 3:15-18

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In this covenant God promised
Land
Seed*
Blessing

***Paul clarifies that “seed” is Jesus.**



The Mosaic Covenant

Vs

The Abrahamic Covenant

Galatians 3:17; 19-29



Christians, Covenants, and Laws - Galatians 3:15-29

Mosaic Covenant Vs Abrahamic Covenant - Galatians 3:17; 19-29

V. 17 – Mosaic Covenant did not invalidate the Abrahamic Covenant

V. 19 – Mosaic Covenant showed people their sinfulness

Vv. 23-25 – The Law served as a nanny to keep us in line until Jesus came to deliver us from the legal system



Christians, Covenants, and Laws - Galatians 3:15-29

**So, if we're free from the Law
why do we have to bother with
the Old Testament?**





Final Thought



Free From the Law, Oh Happy Condition





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I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Galatians 2:20





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Free From the Law, Oh Happy Condition

- But Moreover -

We are Free and Empowered to live as God intended us to live; walking in holiness through the Holy Spirit who lives in and through us because we are justified by the blood of Jesus.



Next Week!

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Redemption

Galatians 4:1-11



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