

Seeing God's Grace in the Law

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 - Moses' law – introduced 430 years later doesn't change promises
 - True recipient of God's promise was Abraham's offspring: Jesus
 - Jesus is the true beneficiary of all God's promises! Christ gets it all!
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2 Cor 1:20; 2 Tim 1:9-10
- Paul asks, “Why then the Law?” Gal 3:19
 - Law was added because of transgressions until Christ came
 - If we were obedient and holy we wouldn't need the Law
 - Law also exposes Sin - reveals insidious nature of our sin
 - Law was only a guardian 24 until Christ came
 - Don't be like Judiazers – missed purpose of God's Law
 - Don't misuse: Fire good in fireplace, bad on carpet.
- Paul asks, “Is Law contrary to God's promises?” NO!
 - Parental rules are given to teach, not just so they can punish kids
 - Law can't give life! 21 we fall short Rm 3:20,23
 - Law can't motivate us to do God's will - Rm 7:7-8
 - Not Law or God's fault Law can't save – our Fallenness
 - Only in Christ can we find deliverance! Gen 12:2-3; Gen 12:2-3
 - All Scripture points to Promise in Jesus: 2 Cor 1:20
 - Don't misuse Law, look to Christ alone! Rom 8:1-4
 - Christ gives us the Spirit so we have His motivation Gal 5:5
- What can we learn about the Law:
 1. The Law has an important but limited role in the believer's life
Live by FAITH in Christ's work, not by keeping the Law
 2. We must root our lives in God's promises (Christ), not God's Law
Remember the Gospel every moment - our hope is in what Christ has done, not in our ability to keep the law.
 3. Rely on God's Spirit by faith for motivation to live holy lives
Be motivated to live to the glory of God in accord with God's Word (Law) by: treasuring God's Word and experiencing God's Spirit and then you will be motivated to obey the Law not because you have to, but because you know the Law pleases and delights your Father who was so gracious and merciful to you to send Jesus to redeem you!

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