

Lesson: GOD'S PURPOSE OF MOSAIC LAW

in **Gal.3:19-25**, Paul turned his attention to **God's Purpose of Mosaic Law**. Paul asked two rhetorical questions and answered them in our lesson text.

3:19 – “Why the Law then?”

3:21 – “Is the Law then contrary to (*kata+genitive of opposition/ against*) the promises of God?”

The Mosaic Law (M/L) was **instituted** 430 years after Abrahamic Covenant of Promise (Gal.3:17). It was **instituted** after Moses led Israelites out of Egypt (Exodus) to become a Jewish nation in the world (1440 BC/ Deuteronomy 17:18-20; 29:29; 31:24-30/ most important book on Mosaic Law).

In the **third chapter of Galatians**, the M/L (works) is mentioned 15 times and the faith with Abrahamic Covenant is mentioned 17 times (grace/ Eph.2:8-9). They are big markers of contrasts.

We will study Paul's FIVE answers to **God's Purpose of Mosaic Law**.

1. Paul taught that the M/L was added because the natural inclination of mankind is to violate or transgress the Laws of God in A/C (angelic conflict/ 2 Cor.11:30).

Prior to his fall, Adam and Eve were created with perfect nature meaning without sin or sin-nature. They were given once commandment of Law in Gen.2:17 and violated it (Gen.3:1-7/ volition).

The rest of mankind is born with Adam's fallen sin nature and AOS. ***“Therefore (5:8-11), just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin (spiritual death), and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.” (Rom.5:12)***

“For in Adam all die (spiritual death), so also in Christ all will be made alive (spiritual life).” (1 Cor.15:22)

2. M/L was designed by God to show fallen mankind that he is utterly helpless to fulfill the whole Law and stand condemned by this Judgment of Gen.2:17 (Rom.5:12; 1 Cor.15:22).

Every member of the human race is born under AOS, and no law can set him free (**Gal.5:1, 13**). The M/L places every man under this curse (**Gal.3:10-13; James 2:10**).

Only Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection (**Gospel**) can set man free from it. “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us – for it is written (Deut.27:26), ‘Curse is every who hangs on a tree.’” (**Gal.3:13**)

“For whoever keeps the whole law and **yet stumbles in one point**, he has become **guilty of all**.” (**James 2:10/ Gal.5:3**)

3. The first advent of Christ would bring the fulfilment and the end of the M/L – “*Until the seed (Gal.3:16/ Christ of Abraham Covenant/ Gal.3:19).*”

Rom.10:4: “**For Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness to everyone who believes** (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9/ Rom.10:9-10).”

M/L was not designed to impart eternal life or God’s righteousness. **Paul addressed this in the second question** – “*Is the Law then contrary to the promise of God? May it never be! For if (2cc/ contrary to fact) had given which was able to impart life (but couldn’t), then righteousness would indeed have been based on law (but it isn’t).*” (Gal.3:21/ Rom.3:9-10)

Only Christ can Impart Eternal Life and God’s righteousness to all who believe the grace Gospel for salvation (John 3:16; 1 John 5:10-13/ The Testimony/ Rom.3:19-24).

4. The M/L was designed so that only ONE Man could fulfill it, Jesus Christ.

“*But the Scripture (Luke 24:44) has **shut up** (sunkleio/ a.a.ind.3ps/ enclosed on all sides/ **no escape**) all men under sin, that (divine purpose) the **PROMISE BY FAITH** in Jesus Christ might be **given to those who believe.**” (Gal.3:22/ 1 Cor.15:22, 45/ Matt.1:21/ Col.1:13)*

M/L: “But before faith came, we were kept in custody (phroureo/ Impf.p.ind.1pl/ **P.O.W**) under the Law, being shup up to the faith which was later revealed (first advent of Christ).” (Gal.3:23)

5. Why the Law? It was given by God to be our TUTOR to bring us Christ by justification by faith in Grace Gospel.

M/L Tutor teaches us that we can only be freed from imprisonment of M/L by Jesus Christ. “*Therefore (hoste/ NC doctrinal conclusion) the law has become our **Tutor to lead us to Christ**, that (hina/ divine purpose) we may be **justified** (dikaioo/ a.p.subj/ freed from the condemnation of Law) by faith.*” (Gal.3:24)

“*Because by the **works of the Law no flesh will be justified** in His sight; **for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.**” (Rom.3:20)*

M/L Tutor reminds us that knowledge of sin of transgression is that we are the transgressor (Gen.2:17).

Gal.3:25: “*But NOW that faith has come, **we are no longer** under a tutor of **Law and works** but under indwelling Holy Spirit of **faith and grace** (John 14:26; 1 Cor.6:19-20).*