

15 September 2024 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group
“The Purpose of the Law ” -- Galatians 3:19-29

Questions to Answer from the Text:

1. Why was the Law of Moses given (v. 19a)?
2. When does the Law of Moses expire (v. 19b)?
3. How was the Mosaic Law put into place (v. 19c)?
4. How is the establishment of the Mosaic Covenant distinguished from the Abrahamic Covenant (v. 20)?
5. Does the Mosaic Law oppose the promise made to Abraham (v. 21a)?
6. Why did God not give Israel a law that would lead to righteousness (v. 21b)?
7. What does God’s Law do to everyone and everything (v. 22a)?
8. Why does the Law of God do this (v. 22b)?
9. How long were Jews held captive by the Law (v. 23)?
10. How did the Law of Moses function in the era of the Mosaic Covenant (v. 24a)? For what purpose (v. 24b)?
11. Why are Christians NOT subject to the specific terms of the Mosaic Law (vv. 25-26)?
12. What happens when a person is baptized (v. 27)?
13. What common distinctions are irrelevant for becoming a child of God (v. 28)?
14. Who are the heirs of the promise given to Abraham (v. 29)?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

15. What does righteousness bring?
16. Why does righteousness result in life?
17. Could Adam before the Fall have attained a righteousness that led to life? Why or why not?
18. Why does adherence to law fail to result in life?
19. Should the Law of God be preached by ministers in the Church today? Why or why not?
20. What is sin (WSC 14)? How does the Law uncover sin?

21. Of what special use is the moral law of God to people that are not regenerate (WLC 96)?
22. Of what special use is the moral law to those who are regenerate (WLC 97)?
23. In what sense is the Mosaic code of laws no longer valid for the Christian today?
24. In what sense is the Mosaic code of laws valid for the Christian today (see WCF 19.4)?
25. Is the Law of God contrary to grace? Why or why not (see WCF 19.7)?
26. Does the Mosaic Law forbid a Christian to get a tattoo today (Leviticus 19:28)? Why or why not? Is there a moral principle(s) that might undergird this Mosaic restriction that might apply today?
27. How would you respond to a well-meaning Christian who tries to convince you that observing the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkoth), though not necessary for salvation, is still an important way to show your commitment and dedication to the LORD?
28. Does the fact that there is now no more male and female because we are all one in Christ (Gal. 3:28) mean that all the distinctions between men and women are no longer valid? Why or why not?