

Sunday, 05-15-22

Freedom and the Law
Bible Background: Galatians 3
Printed Text: Galatians 3:18-29 KJV/NLT
Devotional Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

Aim for Change (Page 419):

1. **EXPLORE** the difference between living according to God's law and living by faith in Christ Jesus
 2. **CELEBRATE** the freedom God's promise gives to all who believe in Christ
 3. **PRACTICE** ways they can embrace this liberation and oneness in Christ
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In Focus (Page 419):

1. If there were no laws, what would guide human behavior? – Genesis 2:15-17; 3:3-5; **Deuteronomy 28:15**; Jeremiah 11:3; **Romans 4:13-16**
 2. Have you ever wanted to become a certain profession and faced controversy? How do similar in-between times train us in our own lives? – Deuteronomy 17:7-9; **1 Timothy 3:15-16**
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The People, Places, and Times (Page 422):

- **Promise**
 1. What was the promise God made to Abraham and how does that apply to you? – **Genesis 17:1-7**
 2. Has there been a dramatic change in life since converting to Christ? – **Acts 9:1-9**
 - **Slavery**
 1. In what ways do we remain in slavery? – **Galatians 5:19-21**
 2. Do our actions represent our redemption through Jesus? – **Galatians 5:22-26**
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Background (Pages 422):

1. How do modern Christians add unnecessary requirements to following God? – **Romans 10:9-13**
 - a. Lack of wisdom/knowledge/understanding of God's word – Hosea 4:6; **James 1:5-8**
 - b. NT commandments neglected – Psalm 26:1-5; **Matthew 22:36-40**
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In Depth (Pages 422-423)

1. Purpose of the Law (**Galatians 3:18-22**)
 - a. Why did God choose to give His people the Law instead of immediately providing the Savior? – **Matthew 20:16**; **22:14-18**; **1 Timothy 2:1-6**
 - i. Law (positive) – reveals the nature and will of God, guidance for living
 - ii. Law (negative) – points out sin and the impossibility of pleasing God without faith
 2. The Coming of Faith (**Galatians 3:23-29**)
 - a. In what ways are our social, economic, racial, and gender differences significant to the Church? In what ways are they not? – 2 Corinthians 5:21-6:1-8; **1 Thessalonians 1:2-6**
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Liberating Lesson (Page 423-424):

- What is the make-up of a family (real relatives)? Should there be a difference if it's biological, adoption, or through marriage? – **Ephesians 4:17-24**

Note – **Bold/Italicized scriptures are to be read during class if time permits**

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