

Galatians 3:23-29

23. But before faith came, **we were KEPT UNDER GUARD by the LAW, kept for the FAITH** which would afterward be revealed.

- **Romans 11:32** "For God has committed them _____ to _____, that He might have _____ on _____."
- **Romans 3:21-24** "But now the righteousness of God _____ from the _____ is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the _____ of _____ which is through _____ in Jesus Christ to _____ and on _____ who _____. For there is no difference; for _____ have _____ and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."
- **Ephesians 2:8-9** "For by _____ you have been _____ through _____, and that _____ of _____, it is the _____ of God; _____ of _____ lest anyone should boast."

Definition: "We were KEPT UNDER GUARD by the LAW" - "KEPT UNDER GUARD" means KEPT UNDER CONTROL." The LAW was made to KEEP unregenerate people UNDER CONTROL, just as secular laws today help keep traffic under control, or help keep our society from falling apart. **Unregenerate means "NOT born again."** Before Jesus died on the cross, no one was "born again" or had the Holy Spirit actually living in them. God needed to have a set of laws, with everything spelled out, in order for the Israelites to live obedient lives for Him. As it turned out, **they still failed and became DISOBEDIENT** many times. Now, **as Believers in Jesus Christ BY FAITH, we are born again instantly the moment we put our FAITH in Jesus, and His Holy Spirit comes to live within our spirit.** As New Testament Believers, **we follow the leading of the Holy Spirit,** and God does not need a system of laws to keep us on the right track. **JESUS said if we "ABIDE in HIM"** (which means we stay in close fellowship with Him), our lives will automatically produce the fruit that brings glory to God.

- **Colossians 1:10** "That you may have a walk (lifestyle) worthy of the _____, fully _____ Him, being _____ in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."
- **Galatians 5:16, 18 & 25** "I say then: ' _____ in the _____, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the _____.'" (Verse 18) "But if you are _____ by the _____, you are _____ under the _____." (Verse 25) "If we _____ in the _____, let us also _____ in the _____."
- **I John 4:13 & 15** "By this we know that we _____ in _____, and He in us, because He has given us of His _____."
- **Romans 8:4** "That the righteous _____ of the _____ might be _____ in us who do not walk according to the flesh but _____ to the _____."
- **John 15:4-5** " _____ in _____, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear _____ of itself, unless it _____ in the vine, neither can you, unless you _____ in _____. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who _____ in _____, and I in him, bears much _____; for without Me you can do nothing."
- **John 15:8** "By this My _____ is glorified, that you _____ much _____; so you will be My _____."
- **I John 2:6** "He who says he _____ in _____ ought himself also to _____ just as _____ walked."

24-25. Therefore **the LAW was OUR TUTOR to BRING US to CHRIST**, that **we might be JUSTIFIED by FAITH**. But **AFTER FAITH has COME**, we are no longer under a tutor.

- **I Corinthians 4:15** "For though you might have ten thousand _____ in _____, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel."
- **Acts 13:39** "And by Him (Jesus) _____ who _____ is _____ from _____ things from which you could _____ be justified by the _____ of _____."

Definition: "The LAW was OUR TUTOR to BRING US to CHRIST" - A tutor is a teacher, an instructor, someone who helps a student, especially in an area where they are having a hard time learning the subject. **Once you learn the subject, take your tests and graduate from school, YOU DO NOT NEED a tutor anymore.** Now that Jesus Christ has come, and **we have accepted Him BY FAITH, we are "GRADUATES"** from the Old Testament law, and are now able to walk and live as adult members of God's family. As verse 25 says, **"But AFTER FAITH has COME, we are NO LONGER under a tutor."** It really doesn't get any clearer than that: **we are no longer under the Old Testament Law** and required to keep the hundreds of laws that Moses gave to the nation of Israel.

- **Hebrews 10:1** "For the _____, having a _____ of the good things to _____, and not the very image of the things, can _____ with these same _____, which they offer _____ by _____, make those who approach _____."

Definition: "That we might be JUSTIFIED by FAITH" - Justification or the **ACT of being justified** means that God by His GRACE **declares RIGHTEOUS** the sinner who believes on Jesus Christ. It is **NOT a process of becoming** righteous, **it is a ONE-TIME ACT of GRACE, and we accept it by FAITH. BY FAITH, we are MADE RIGHTEOUS** the moment we accept Jesus as our Savior!

- **Romans 5:1-2** "Therefore, having been _____ by _____, we have _____ with _____ through our Lord _____, through whom also we have _____ by _____ into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."
- **Romans 3:24 & 28** "Being _____ freely (as a gift) by His _____ through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." (Verse 28)
"Therefore we conclude that a man is _____ by _____ apart from the deeds of the _____."
- **Luke 18:13-14** "And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God be _____ to me a _____!' 'I tell you, this man went down to his house _____ rather than the other; for everyone who _____ himself will be abased (put down, humbled), and he who _____ himself will be _____."

Definition: "ACCESS" - **"Permission, liberty or ability to enter, approach, communicate with."** Through FAITH IN Jesus, we can **ENTER God's throne room, APPROACH Him and communicate** with Him in **prayer**.

- **Ephesians 2:18** "For through Him we both have _____ by one _____ to the _____."

- **John 14:6** "Jesus said to him, 'I am the _____, the _____ and the _____. No one comes to (has access to) the _____ except through _____."

26-28. For **you are ALL SONS of GOD through FAITH in CHRIST JESUS.** For as many of you as were **BAPTIZED INTO Christ** have **PUT ON Christ.** There is **neither Jew nor Greek,** there is **neither slave nor free,** there is **neither male nor female;** for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

- **Romans 6:3-4** "Or do you not know that as _____ of _____ as were _____ into _____ were _____ into His death? Therefore _____ were _____ with Him through _____ into death, that just as Christ was _____ from the _____ by the glory of the Father, even so we also should _____ in _____ of _____."
- **Romans 13:14** "But _____ the Lord _____, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts."
- **John 17:11** "Now I am no longer in the world, but _____ are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, _____ through Your _____ those whom You have _____ Me, that _____ may be _____ as We are."

Definition: "You are ALL SONS of GOD through FAITH in CHRIST JESUS" - Is everyone in the world AUTOMATICALLY a CHILD of GOD? Does the Bible teach that God is the Father of everyone? No! We are GIVEN the AUTHORITY to become CHILDREN of GOD **only when we BELIEVE in His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus is the ONLY BEGOTTEN Son, or UNIQUE, one-of-a-kind Son of God,** in that He is the EXACT IMAGE of God, and that He existed in this SON RELATIONSHIP with the Father for all eternity. No one else can become a son of God in the same sense as Jesus (JESUS is GOD in the FLESH), but **we can become SONS and DAUGHTERS of God, and be born into His family BY FAITH in Jesus Christ (John 1:12).** In fact, Jesus Himself told people who did not believe in Him that they had the devil for their "father", rather than God.

- **John 8:44** "You are of YOUR _____, the _____, and the desires of your _____ you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a _____, and the _____ of it."
- **John 1:12** "But as many as _____ Him, to _____ He gave the _____ to become _____ of _____, even to those who _____ in His _____."
- **II Corinthians 6:18** "I will be a _____ to you, and _____ shall be My _____ and _____', says the Lord Almighty."

Definition: "BAPTIZED into Christ Jesus" "BAPTIZED into His DEATH" - The word "baptized" in the Greek means IMMERSED, PLACED INTO, IDENTIFIED WITH. **We are PLACED INTO CHRIST** the moment we believe, by the Holy Spirit, as well as the Holy Spirit coming to live in us. Because **we are IN CHRIST,** and **CHRIST ALREADY DIED to sin,** then **WE HAVE DIED to sin,** too.

- **Colossians 2:12** " _____ with Him in _____, in which you also were _____ with Him through _____ in the working of God, who _____ Him from the _____."
- **I Corinthians 12:12-13** "For as the _____ is _____ and has _____ members, but _____ the _____ of that _____"

body, being many, are _____ body, so also is _____. For by one _____ we were all _____ into one _____ - whether _____ or _____, whether _____ or _____ - and have all been made to drink into _____ Spirit."

Definition: "There is NEITHER JEW nor GREEK, there is NEITHER SLAVE nor FREE, there is NEITHER MALE nor FEMALE" - God is not interested in racial distinctions, gender distinctions, or social distinctions. He doesn't care if you are rich or poor, or what your station in life might be. God does not show partiality - He is not a 'respector of persons.'" **We ALL become ONE BODY in Christ by FAITH in Jesus Christ.**

- **John 17:20-21** "I do not _____ for these alone, but also for _____ who will _____ in _____ through their word; that they all may be _____, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that _____ also may be _____ in _____, that the world may believe that You sent Me."
- **Romans 2:11** "For there is no _____ with God."
- **Acts 10:34** "Then Peter opened his mouth and said, 'In truth I perceive that _____ shows no _____.'"

Definition: "That THEY also MAY BE ONE in US" - The church is called the BODY of CHRIST. This means the church is more than just a human organization of people with similar beliefs and interests. The moment you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, **you are BAPTIZED and placed into the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit.** ALL believers are ONE in Christ, although we don't always ACT like it.

- **Romans 12:5** "So we, being _____, are _____ in _____, and individually _____ of one another."
- **Ephesians 1:22-23** "And has put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the _____, which is His _____, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."

29. And if you are Christ's, then you are ABRAHAM'S SEED, and heirs according to the promise.

- **Galatians 3:7** "Therefore know that _____ those who are of _____ are _____ of _____."
- **Titus 3:7** "That having been _____ by His grace we should become _____ according to the hope of _____."

Definition: "ONLY those who are of FAITH are SONS of ABRAHAM" - Jesus had many conflicts with the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders **who thought they were righteous and "saved" in God's sight simply because they were descended from Abraham.** Jesus made it very clear, and Paul makes it clear here that only those who have **the same kind of FAITH as Abraham** are considered his descendants ("**ABRAHAM'S SEED**"). As far as God is concerned, the important thing is to be a SPIRITUAL descendant of Abraham. Abraham is called the "Father of Faith," so **if we have put our FAITH in Christ,** we are Abraham's descendants ("seed"). We are also HEIRS, which means we have an inheritance in Christ.

- **Galatians 4:7** "Therefore you are no longer a slave but a _____, and if a _____, then an _____ of God through _____."