

## **LAW AND PROMISE**

*Galatians 3:14-26*

### **MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK**

1. THE SALVATION OF GOD IS BASED ON HIS PROMISE, NOT OUR PERFORMANCE
2. THE LAW IS MEANT TO BRING US TO THE END OF OURSELVES
3. THE LAW IS MEANT TO BRING US TO JESUS

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick two or three of these to talk about as a group**

1. What was most helpful for you from this week's message? Why?
2. Every human being is pursuing salvation of some form. This always includes a principle, rule, and law. What is the most tempting alternative method of salvation you have dealt with? What are the principle, rule and law of this method? Why will it fail?
3. One of the main ideas this week was that the law is meant to bring us to the end of ourselves. How would you describe the Christian understanding of mankind's ability to bring shalom or flourishing to the world? What good things are people capable of? What limitations do we face?
4. What is the difference between guilt and shame? Why do you think shame is still so prevalent even in our culture that tries to remove any belief in a universal, moral law?
5. How does the law bring us to Jesus?
6. The law sets the stage for spiritual intervention in our lives. Have you ever felt like God was intervening in your life, or have you seen Him do this in the life of another? What does that look like?
7. A life resting in the law will be marked by a sense of bondage, an impersonal relationship with the divine, being motivated by a desire for rewards and a fear of punishments, and an anxiety about one's standing with God. A life resting in the promise of God will be marked by freedom, a personal relationship with God and maturity of character. When you look at these descriptions, would you say you are resting more in the law or the promise of God? How can we learn to rest more in the promise of God?

**A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU:** On the cross, Jesus fulfills God's law and keeps God's promise at the same time.