

Morning Sermon, 31 January 2010

LIVING BY THE PROMISE, NOT THE LAW

Galatians 3:15-25

1. Don't think the Law of Moses negates the Promise given to Abraham (15-18)

2. Understand the real reasons for the Law: to give

- **Definition:** *The Law enables a proper definition of what offends God (19a)*
- **Contrast:** *The Law's double-sidedness contrasts with the gracious unilateralism of the promise (19b-20)*
- **Proof:** *Sin's imprisoning effect on people under the law shows that spiritual life and rightness cannot come through human effort but only through faith in Christ (21-22)*

Summary:

- **The Law was a Stage in God's purposes:** *a temporary prison and guardian until the lasting freedom of justification by faith in Jesus Christ (23-25)*

Application:

- *Living by the promise not the law*
- *Preaching the promise not the law*