

Freedom from the Law Galatians 3:19-29

If we are free from the law, why is the law important?

Genesis 3:19-22

- To guide Israel as a holy nation set apart from all other nations.
Genesis 12:1-3; 15:12-21
- To identify sin and be a restraint against it.
Romans 7:7, 9; 1 Timothy 1:8-11; 2 Thessalonians 2:5-10; Leviticus 19:19, 28; Deuteronomy 22:9-12
- To reveal how impossible it is for us to gain salvation by what we do.
Galatians 3:21, 22

Learn from the laws of God because they lead us to Jesus Christ.

Galatians 3:23-25

- The law served its purpose to lead us to Jesus Christ like a tutor.
Psalm 32:3-5
- Our faith in Jesus declares us righteous before God in fulfillment of the law.
Romans 8:2-4

Bring everyone to Jesus Christ because He changes everything about our lives.

Galatians 3:26-29

- Our relationship with God changes: we are now His children.
- Our relationship with Jesus Christ changes:
we are now identified with Him. "*baptized*," "*clothed with Christ*."
- Our relationship with each other changes:
we are now united with each other regardless of race, status or gender.
- Our relationship for the future changes: we will secure God's promises for eternity.
Revelation 21:3-7; 1 Peter 1:3-8; Romans 8:28-30

How has your relationship with God changed?

In what ways do people see Jesus' attitude and deeds in your life?

How have you found peace and unity with people different from you?

Digging Deeper:

Some background:

The Law of Moses was essentially the constitution for governing the nation of Israel. After God chose Abraham to be the father of this Jewish nation in Genesis 12, He later called Moses to govern the land and pass on His instructions for an orderly society that was unique and separate from other nations. The laws had a number of topics:

- Laws about people, family and relationships. Exodus 21:15, 17; Leviticus 20:9; Numbers 27:6-8; 30:3-5
- Laws about things and land. Leviticus 25
- Laws on debt. Deuteronomy 15
- Laws on tithes. Numbers 18
- Laws on offending God. Exodus 22
- Laws on offending people. Leviticus 20, 21
- Laws on legal matters. Deuteronomy 17
- Laws on holiness and sacrifices. Leviticus 23

LifeGroup Discussion

Begin with the questions on the front, also listed here:

- *How has your relationship with God changed?*
- *In what ways do people see Jesus' attitude and deeds in your life?*
- *How have you found peace and unity with people different from you?*

How can we live by the Word of God today?

Where should God's Word be in our lives? 2 Corinthians 3:1-3.

We are living with the benefits of the new covenant. Where does God's law then reside? Jeremiah 31:33

Describe ways God's Word and law are revealed in your life, relationship, work place or neighborhood.

Next Steps

1. **Respond to the good news of Jesus Christ.** Come to the Prayer Points or find any leader at Calvary Church to pray with you about taking a next step toward surrendering to Jesus and living for His Kingdom. Learn more in the booklet "The Way" in the seat racks or visit our website at calvarylife.org/Jesus
2. **Connect with others to grow in your faith:** Calvary offers many ways for you to grow as a follower of Jesus. Learn about **Mentoring, LifeGroups, Equipping Classes, Care Ministries** and more by filling out *The Card* and dropping it in the offering or by visiting Connection Point in the Lobby today. calvarylife.org/grow
3. **Share the good news of Jesus with a friend.** Start praying that God will give you love, courage, opportunity and the words to say. Invest and invite your friends and family into a relationship with Jesus.