
Study 5

Galatians 3:15-29 | A promise is a promise

Get Talking

1. What is the biggest promise someone has ever made to you? What's the biggest promise you've ever made?

Get your Bearings

2. Read Genesis 17:1-8 as background to today's study. What's going on in this passage? What promises does God make here?
3. Look back at the last verse of last week's passage – 3:14. Why has Christ redeemed us?

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4. What have the false teachers been saying to the Galatians about what they need to do, to benefit from God's blessings? Where did they get this from?
5. What is Paul's point in v15-18 about the basis of God's blessing? Try to unpack the logic of his argument. (We'll come back to v16!)

6. What is the other key point that he throws into the mix in v16? What point is he making here?
7. If God's promises were made to one person (Jesus), how do we benefit from them? (See v26, 29)
8. NOTE: V19-20 are some of the most tricky verses in the New Testament! The point seems to be that the law was given through a mediator (i.e. Moses), whereas God's promises came without a mediator and were fulfilled in Christ. How does this strengthen Paul's point that God's promises are better than the law?
9. What, then, was the point of God's law? Why was it given? (See v19, 22-25)
10. How does all of this help to show the Galatians that they don't need to stress about the law?
11. What are the implications for how we treat one another (see v28)?
12. How does living by God's promises transform the way we live the Christian life? How can you tell if you're living your life by trusting God's promises or by being weighed down by his law?