

So, Why the Law?

Galatians Series – Part 5

Scripture text – Genesis 12:1-3
& Galatians 3:19-25

Introduction

- People don't naturally want the _____; in fact, people are naturally _____ to it. However, God has done something to change the calculus.

Historical Context

- About 2000 BC, God made a series of promises to Abram. All the promises were of _____, meaning unmerited & free. They were also _____.
- One other thing: The promises would be fulfilled in _____ stages.
- Approximately 400 years later, God appeared to Moses and presented him with _____ “rules” for the descendants of Abraham. They had to be obeyed, or else!
- Question: *Why did God do this? What is the purpose of his law (or rules)?*

The Primary Purpose of the Law

- According to Paul, the primary purpose of the law was to drive the descendants of Abraham to _____ over their sin and to _____ them for the coming of Christ.
- The same is true for us today: The failure to obey the Lord's commands constantly pushes us to seek _____ through Christ.

Supplemental Truths

1. The commands of God are an _____ of his superlative moral character & excellence.
 - In giving a command, God is revealing something about _____.
2. The commands of God are for our protection and _____ as human beings.

- Following them is indeed the _____ way to live.
3. Through the new birth, the commands of God become our _____ & _____.
 - When we're born again, we're given a new _____.
 4. Through the new birth, the commands of God become _____ in increasing measure.
 - Thus, God not only provides the desire to obey, but also the _____.
 5. Obeying the commands of God proves our _____ for him.

Conclusion

- It's common (and healthy) to feel a tension between _____ & _____.
- Neither can be _____.
- However, always remember: It's grace _____.