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**Unit III:** "Liberating Letters"

**Quarters Theme:** "God Frees and redeems"

**Lesson 11:** "Receiving a Good Inheritance"

**Scripture Text:** Galatians 3: 18-29

**Key Verse:** If ye be Christ's, then are ye be Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

(Galatians 3: 29, KJV)

**Introduction:**

The book of Galatians, written by Paul is the charter of Christian freedom. Paul proclaims the reality of our liberty in Christ. Galatians 5: 1 (NIV), states, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be, burdened again by a yoke of slavery." We are free from the Law and the power of sin, and free to serve our living Lord. However, the Jewish Christians were struggling with a dual identity: Their Jewishness constrained them to be strict followers of the Law; and their newfound faith in Christ invited them to celebrate a holy liberty. Paul wrote to refute the Judaizers--an extremist Jewish group within the church--and to call believers back to the pure gospel. Paul reminded them that salvation is by God's Grace, through faith in Christ Jesus and NOTHING else. Faith in Christ means true freedom, freedom to love and serve one another, and not to do evil. (Read Galatians Chapter 5: 13-26). In Galatians Chapter 3, Paul examines the issue of faith verses works of the law. He spoke of the law being a temporary jailer until Christ came. No one who relies on the Law is, justified before, God. Habakkuk 2: 4, Galatians 3: 13, says, but when Jesus came, who had no sin, He took upon himself the curse WE earned by sinning. Deuteronomy 21: 22-23, confirm that Jesus was, cursed because he hung on a tree, freeing us from the curse of the Law.

**Lesson Pointers:**

**Lesson Pointer #1**

**"To Guard Us for God" (Galatians 3: 18-21)**

**Galatians 3: 18**---Paul use the term, inheritance to refer to the status of sharing in the blessing of Abraham by being in a covenant relationship with God. Paul emphasized that God freely showers us with his grace and blessings because of His promise--Not the Law. Galatians 3: 17---States, that the Law God gave Moses, even though it came 430 years after the covenant God made with Abraham, it did not invalidate his earlier promise. Despite the addition of the Law of Moses, the inheritance, or blessings of Abraham's descendants continued and continues to be based on God's promise.

**Galatians 3: 19**---Paul asked a rhetorical question. "Why then, was the Law given at all? What purpose did it serve? Paul's answer: It was, added because of transgressions--to restrain human sin. The Law has two functions, 1) it reveals the nature and will of God and shows us how we should live. 2) It points out our sins and reveals to us, it is impossible to please God by trying to obey all His Laws. To be more specific, when the Son, Jesus Christ, the "Seed" came as the fulfillment of God the Father's promise, the chosen people should be ready to seek forgiveness of their (Our) sins by trusting the Messiah. Unlike God's promise to Abraham, which was permanent, the law was temporary. Even though the Law came from God, it was, administered through, "Angels" by a "Mediator" which was Moses.

**Galatians 3: 20**---states that normally, binding agreements that require a Mediator are those in which both parties are actively involved.

The covenant of Moses fits this description: God gave the Law, but His people were responsible to obey it. God 's covenant with Abraham had only one active party, the Lord our God, who gave His promise to Abraham an unconditionally pledge, and promise He would fulfill it.

**Galatians 3: 21**---Paul asked a second rhetorical question "Is the Law then against the promises of God?" Do the distinctions between the Law of Moses and the covenant with Abraham mean there is a conflict between the two? Paul's answer: "God forbid"—Not at all— (Galatians 3: 10-14). Paul denies the life giving power of the Law. No one who relies on the Law is, justified before God. Romans 7:7-12---the Law reveals just how far we are from meeting God's standards. The law cannot save---it only enslaves ---The law is a temporary fix—God's promise is Permanent!! Amen.

### **Lesson Pointer #2**

#### **"To Guide Us to God" (Galatians 3: 22-25)**

**Galatians 3: 22— 25**---The scriptures declare we are all prisoners of SIN, (Romans 3:23) so we receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ (NLT). Paul paints a picture of imprisonment. The bars of the cell are sin, keeping us confined. Only faith can break us out of our confinement to sin. Paul said that Christ is the end of the law to those who believe. (Read- John 6:47, John 14:6) In other words, our relationship with God is no longer based upon keeping the Law. The Law could not save, (John 8:24). Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were, placed under guard by the Law. Under the Law, God's people had to bring the sacrifice and make the covering for our own sin. They had to do it over and over. The New Covenant sacrifice of Jesus on behalf of His people means that sin can be, forgiven once, and for all. The Law had its purpose, the law served to reveal sin and left no way out for the people UNTIL Christ came to fulfill the Law and provide Salvation. The Law was, Designed to Guide us to God. We are no longer under the school master. Jesus is the real teacher whose desire is to free us, not hold us in bondage. He takes us by the hand and show us the way of God in terms of grace. The Law still operates in an individual's life to create a sense of sin and need, thus preparing the heart to turn to the Lord Jesus. Lord Jesus, please Guide us to God (Matthew 28:19-20).

### **Lesson Pointer #3**

#### **"To Give All to God" (Galatians 3:26-29)**

**Galatians 3: 26-29**---Again Paul reminds us, "For you are all children of God through Faith in Christ Jesus. All who have been united, with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. Then if we have been, baptized into Christ, we belong to Christ. We are true children, (true seed) of Abraham. We are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male, or female, Black or White, we all will receive a Good Inheritance. To give all to God, we must proclaim the Gospel to everyone who does not know Jesus, go, and make disciples for God's kingdom; (Matthew 28:19-20) and be obedient to His Holy Word. Let us give God the Glory and the Honor and the Praise that He so richly deserves. God provided a payment for sin; He gave His only begotten Son to die on the cross for the sins of the world (John 3:16); because He wants a relationship with His people, who are called by His name. From the very beginning, all God wanted, for us to trust Him, walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5: 7).