

# In Prison, or In Christ

## Galatians 3:15-25



# The Promise

## verses 15-18

- The Judaizers were looking *back* at the Abrahamic covenant through the lens of the Mosaic covenant.
- We must look at the law through the lens of the promise.

# The Law

## verses 19-25

“What was in  
your heart  
that made  
you do that?”

“But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness.” -Romans 7:8

“...the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.” -Romans 7:12

“Before faith  
came, we were  
held captive  
under the  
law.”

...We are preparing their hearts to become poor in spirit, hearts that will mourn because of sin, hearts that will hunger and thirst after righteousness.



Tim Keller wrote, “All non-gospel-based religion is characterized by the same things. 1- a sense of bondage; 2-an impersonal relationship with the divine, motivated by a desire for rewards and a fear of punishment; 3-anxiety about one’s standing with God.

No one living under the law can ever have assurance of salvation!