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Msg. 6: The Focus Of Grace!

Galatians 3:15-26

I. INTRODUCTION: A Review Of Galatians 1:1 - 3:14

II. The **FOCUS** Of Grace:

A. The Focus Is On _____: Verses 15-18

1. Understanding “Covenant”: **Verse 15**, Genesis 15:5-18; Jeremiah 34:18-19
2. The Two Key Covenants:
 - a. **Abrahamic Covenant**: This covenant was based on _____ and _____. **Verse 16**; Genesis 15:6; Genesis 22:18
 - b. **Mosaic Covenant**: This was the covenant of the “Law”. It was based upon written commandments and the blessing and cursing that Israel would receive based upon their _____ of these commandments. Exodus 24:1-8; Deuteronomy #27-28
3. The “**Bottom Line**” – Which covenant do you want to be under?
 - a. The “covenant of performance” – which requires _____ adherence.
 - b. The “Covenant of Promise” which was given to Abraham by _____, confirmed though _____, and fulfilled through the _____ life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ! **Verses 17-18**; I Corinthians 1:18-20

B. The Focus Is On _____: Verses 19-25

1. **The question**: If God’s original plan was a covenant based on **promise**, and realized by **grace through faith**, then **WHY** did He institute the Covenant of the Law? What role does the Law have in our lives today as Christians?

2. The Answer:

- a. **Verse 19**: The Law was added because of man’s _____.
 - b. **Verse 20**: Where Moses (a man) was the mediator of the Old Covenant (Law), _____ **(Jesus) became Mediator of the New Covenant.**
 - c. **Verse 21**: The Law was not in conflict with the Promise of God. In fact the Law is the perfect reflection of the _____ of God: Romans 7:12
 - d. **Verse 22**: The Law made it _____ that all men were sinful.
 - e. **Verses 23-24**: The Law was given both as a _____ to our sinfulness, and as a _____ to lead us to Christ!
 - f. **Verse 25**: Our focus now is on _____! We no longer need a tutor to lead us to Christ! Now by Grace through Faith we need to learn how to walk and live by the principle of _____ through the _____! Romans 8:1-4; John 13:34; Matthew 22:36-40
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1. “For you are _____ sons of God **through faith** in Christ Jesus.”
 2. The pathway of “performance”... We try to:
 - a. Earn God’s favor...
 - b. Earn God’s blessings...
 - c. Earn acceptance by others...
 - d. Justify areas of lack (sin) in our lives...
 - e. Shore up our “self-worth”.
 3. The reality is that the only thing that pleases God, the only thing that gives us victory, the only thing that transforms our life from sin to Christ’s nature is a **focus of _____ through _____ in Jesus Christ**: Hebrews 11:6; I John 5:4; II Corinthians 3:18