

Galatians 3:15 - 4:7

(What counts is the new creation: Promises of the new creation)

1. Promises

2. Promises steadfast (3:15-22)

a. Brothers and sisters

b. Human covenant

c. Promises to Abraham

"I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you" (Genesis 17:7)

"The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him." (Genesis 12:7)

d. Purpose of the law

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰ Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin." (Romans 3:19-20)

e. Opposed to promises?

f. Our sin

3. Promises fulfilled (3:23-29)

a. Until Christ came

b. With Christ

c. One in Christ

d. Unity today

4. Promises applied (4:1-7)

a. When heir is underage

b. Under elemental spiritual forces

c. Adoption to sonship

d. The Spirit of his Son

³⁴ “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.” ³⁵ Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ *Abba*, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.” (Mark 14:34-36)

e. The joys of sonship today

5. Promises of the new creation