



Message Notes & Life Group Study Guide  
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Grace Alone: Rules – Do We Need Them?  
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## MESSAGE NOTES

Galatians 3:15-25

Two Types of Law:

1. Ceremonial Law
2. Moral Law

Through Rules We Become:

1. Convicted v. 19-20
2. Defeated v. 21-23
3. Instructed v. 24-25

## STUDY GUIDE

### Reference:

Open in prayer and read Galatians 3:15-25.  
Tim Keller book: *Galatians for You*, Pages 77-88

### Review:

What was one thing from this week's message, or scripture reference, that stood out to you?

### Reflect:

1. Read Hebrews 6:13-19. This is one of many passages that speak of the reliability of God's promises, just as Paul does in this passage in Galatians. How is life different when we put our trust in God's promises?

2. In Roman/Greek society, wealthy families had a slave who acted as a guardian/schoolmaster. Their job was to be a disciplinarian over the children until they were old enough and wise enough to make their own decisions. Why would Paul choose that picture to explain the relationship between the Law and Faith?

3. To help you diagnose your own heart, ask yourself, "What causes me to feel despair in life? What makes me feel proud about myself?" (Tim Keller, *Galatians for You*) Discuss how your answers to these questions illuminate the areas of your life where you're most tempted to look to your own efforts to make yourself acceptable to God.

4. Life circumstances (e.g. unhealthy relationships, financial challenges, poor health, unemployment, etc.) can easily cause us to lose confidence in God. When that happens, how can we find renewed confidence in God?

5. If you consider yourself to be a Christian, think back to your conversion, or the first time you understood the Gospel. How did your view of God's law change? (Tim Keller, *Galatians for You*)

**Respond/Reinforce:**

Pray intentionally this week with your hands literally open and face up. Imagine, as you pray, coming before God empty-handed. Pay attention to how this changes your attitude toward God and your prayers.

**Next Week's Reading:**

Scripture: Galatians 3:26-4:7

Tim Keller book: *Galatians for You*, Pages 89-102