



The Guardian Until Christ

Galatians 3:24-26

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OT History



1. Abraham & the Covenant (Genesis)

- A. Promises
- B. Faith
- C. Unilateral/Unconditional

2. Moses & the Covenant (Exodus)

- A. Laws & Promises
- B. Obedience
- C. Bilateral/Conditional



Galatians 3:19

- Why then the law?



Galatians 3:24

- So then, **the law was our guardian** until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.

schoolmaster, tutor, custodian

παιδαγωγός

Transliteration

paidagōgos

Pronunciation

pī-dä-gō-go's (Key)

**Part of Speech**

masculine noun

Root Word (Etymology)

From *παῖς* (G3816) and a reduplicated form of *ἄγω* (G71)

pedagogue

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

1. a tutor i.e. a guardian and guide of boys. Among the Greeks and the Romans the name was applied to trustworthy slaves who were charged with the duty of supervising the life and morals of boys belonging to the better class. The boys were not allowed so much as to step out of the house without them before arriving at the age of manhood.

Strong's Definitions [?]

(Strong's Definitions Legend)

παιδαγωγός paidagōgós, pahee-dag-o-gos'; from G3816 and a reduplicated form of G71; a boy-leader, i.e. a servant whose office it was to take the children to school; (by implication, (figuratively) a tutor ("pædagogue")):—instructor, schoolmaster.

a tutor i.e. a guardian and guide of boys. Among the Greeks and the Romans the name was applied to trustworthy slaves who were charged with the duty of supervising the life and morals of boys belonging to the better class. The boys were not allowed so much as to step out of the house without them before arriving at the age of manhood.



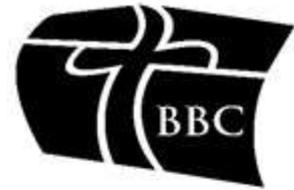


Before 2 million people who have been slaves in Egypt for 100s of years enter a foreign land full of pagans Israel needs a **GUARDIAN.**



The Law served as
Israel's guardian in
at least 4 different
ways:

The Purpose of the Law



- A. Established what was (is) right and wrong**
- B. Provided practical guidance on living**
- C. Set Israel apart as the people of God**
- D. Provided a means of redemption**



Idolatry, stealing, kidnapping, adultery, perjury, bribes, lying, extortion, murder, coveting, cursing/striking a parent, working on the Sabbath, eating non-kosher food, and much more are all deemed **WRONG by the law of Moses.**

In Israel



- **There was absolute truth**
- **There was a standard of right and wrong**
- **Truth and morality were not relative**
- **Individuals could not determine what was right and wrong for themselves without consequences**



Do you know the
5th commandment?

And how important it
is from a practical
perspective?



Exodus 20:12

- “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.



What happens to the family when the parent child relationship breaks down?



Deuteronomy 21:18–21

- “If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and, though they discipline him, will not listen to them,¹⁹ then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gate of the place where he lives,²⁰ and they shall say to the elders of his city, ‘This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.’²¹ Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones. So you shall purge the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

**Notice the last sentence
of v. 21.**



**The Mosaic law teaches us
the need to purge evil from
the land.**



Consider all the
implications of the
reality of EVIL and
the subsequent need
to purge it from the
land.

The Purpose of the Law



A. Moral/ ethical

B. Pragmatic/ practical

C. Sanctification/ set apart

D. Theological/ redemptive

Think about all we learn from the Mosaic Law about God:



- 1. He is a VERY powerful God.**
- 2. He communicates.**
- 3. He is holy.**
- 4. He is just & forgiving.**
- 5. He cares about social justice.**



The Law is much more than the 10 Commandments



Exodus 21:16–17

- “Whoever steals a man and sells him, and anyone found in possession of him, shall be put to death. “Whoever curses his father or his mother shall be put to death.



Exodus 21:22–25

- “When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman’s husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay as the judges determine.
²³ But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life, ²⁴ eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, ²⁵ burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.



Exodus 22:6

- “If fire breaks out and catches in thorns so that the stacked grain or the standing grain or the field is consumed, **he who started the fire shall make full restitution.**

Punishment Under the Law



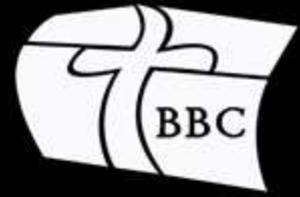
1) Restitution

a. If a man could not make restitution
he must be sold into servitude

2) Stripes

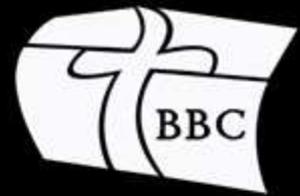
a. No more than 40

3) Death



Exodus 22:16

- “If a man seduces a virgin who is not betrothed and lies with her, **he shall give the bride-price for her and make her his wife.**”

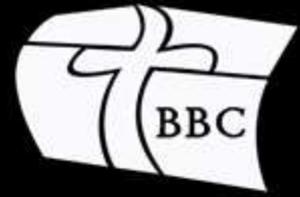


Exodus 22:18–19

- “You shall not permit a sorceress to live.
- ¹⁹ “Whoever lies with an animal shall be put to death.



**Humans are image bearers
of God. Animals are NOT.
Humans are utterly set apart
from all of creation and
procreation with animals is
abominable.**



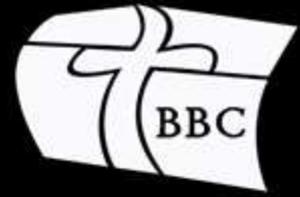
Exodus 22:21

- “You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.



Exodus 22:25

- “If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a moneylender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him.



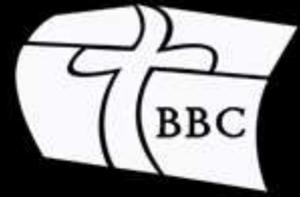
Exodus 23:1

- “You shall not spread a false report.
- You shall not join hands with a wicked man to be a malicious witness.



Exodus 23:7

- Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill the innocent and righteous, for I will not acquit the wicked.



Leviticus 20:10

- “If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress **shall surely be put to death.**



Leviticus 19:9–10

- “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰ And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.



**Sentence after sentence
communicated God's law YET it
was partially successful at best.**

**Israel's story is one of failure after
failure to keep God's law.**



Galatians 3:24

- So then, the law was our guardian **until Christ came**, in order that we might be justified by faith.



In this verse, Paul is making it perfectly clear that the Law is NOT our guardian.

So then do we have a guardian? A tutor? A schoolmaster?

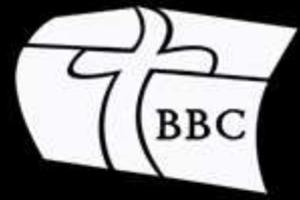


**Christ and the Spirit
of Christ (the Holy
Spirit) is our
guardian.**



John 14:26

- But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, **he will teach** you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.



John 16:13

- When the Spirit of truth comes, **he will guide you** into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.



John 16:8

- And when he comes, **he will convict** the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:



Galatians 3:24

- So then, the law was our guardian until **Christ** came, in order that we might be justified by faith.



**The NET Bible is
even clearer**

It says:



Galatians 3:24 (NET)

- Thus the law had become our guardian until **Christ, so that we could be declared righteous by faith.**



**Christ did what the law
could not do.**

**No one was ever justified by
the law.**



- Declared righteous or just (Gal 3:24)
- Have all our sins forgiven (1 John 2:12)
- Adopted into the family of God (Rom 8:25)
- Given eternal life (1 John 2:25, 5:11)
- Born again or regenerated (Titus 3:5, 1 Pet 1:3)
- Made a new creation (2 Cor 5:17)
- Redeemed (Rev 14:4)



Galatians 3:25

- But now **that faith has come**, we are no longer under a guardian,

“That faith has come” is a reference to New Covenant faith.

Bible Promise/Covenants. The



1. Promise God gave Eve (G 3:15)
2. Covenant God gave Noah (G 9)
3. Covenant God gave Abraham (Isaac, Jacob) (G 12ff)
4. Covenant God made w/ Israel through Moses (E 20)
5. Covenant God gave David (2 Sam 7)
6. New Covenant established through Christ (Mt 26)



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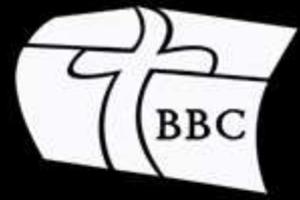
- But now that faith has come,

Paul has to talking about faith in the New Covenant because he has already made a big deal about Abraham's saving faith.

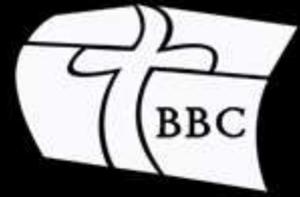


Turn to

Jeremiah 31:31-33



“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make **a new covenant** with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, **my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband**, declares the LORD. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. **For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.**”



Luke 22:20

- And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”



2 Corinthians 3:6

- who has made us sufficient to be ministers of **a new covenant**, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.



Turn to Hebrew

7:22 & 8:8-12



Hebrews 7:22

- This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.



For he finds fault with them when he says: “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, 9 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord. 10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 11 And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. 12 For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.”

Mosaic Covenant v. the New Covenant

Old / Moses	New (Better) / Christ Jesus
Order of Aaron	Order of Melchizedek
Mt. Sinai	Golgotha
Ten Commandments	Law of Christ
In Bondage & Under a Curse	Redeemed & Given Eternal Life
Works of the Law	Faith in Christ (& Promises)
Tabernacle/Temple	Dwells in the People of God
Blood of Goats	Blood of the Son of God
Temporary Atonement	Eternal Atonement
Israel (Canaan)	Israel & Gentiles (New Earth)
Heart of Stone	New Heart of Flesh (Born Again)
Physical Circumcision	Sealed with the Holy Spirit



Galatians 3:26

• for in Christ Jesus **you are all sons of God**, through faith.





Galatians 3:7

- Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.

Now Paul takes the sons of Abraham and tells us that they are all sons of God.



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Galatians 4:4–5

- But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, **so that we might receive adoption as sons.**



Galatians 4:6

- **And because you are sons,** God has sent **the Spirit of his Son** into our hearts, crying, **“Abba! Father!”**



Jesus Spoke of This

In the Gospels



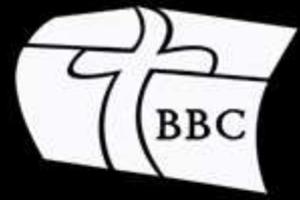
Luke 6:35

- But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, **and you will be sons of the Most High,** for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.



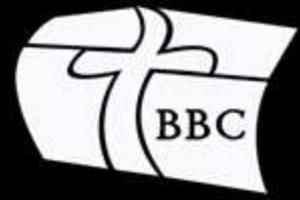
Luke 20:34–36

- And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage,³⁵ **but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age** and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage,³⁶ for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels **and are sons of God**, being sons of the resurrection.



John 1:12 (AV)

- But as many as received him, to them gave he power [right] to become **the sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name:



John 11:51–52

- He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, and not for the nation only, **but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.**



Romans 8:14

- For all who are **led by the Spirit** of God are sons of God.



Romans 8:16

- The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that **we are children of God,**



Ephesians 1:5

- he predestined us for adoption to himself **as sons through Jesus Christ**, according to the purpose of his will,



Hebrews 2:10

- For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, **in bringing many sons to glory**, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.



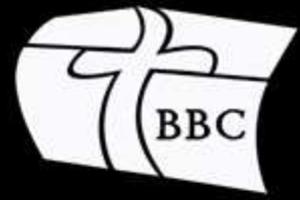
Hebrews 12:7

- It is for discipline that you have to endure. **God is treating you as sons.** For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?



1 John 3:1

- See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be **called children of God; and so we are.**



1 John 3:8

- **Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil**, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

v. 10



1 John 3:10

- By this it is evident **who are the children of God**, and **who are the children of the devil**:
whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

Which One Are You?

Child of God

Child of the Devil

Adopted as a child of God

Illegitimate

Of the Day & in the Light

Of the Night/Darkness

Believes God Exists

Atheist or Agnostic

Follower of Jesus Christ

Does NOT follow Christ

Faith is in the Gospel

No Faith in the Gospel

Practices Righteousness

**Does not practice
Righteousness**

Sealed with the Spirit

Spirit of God is Absent

**Dwells with God eternally
on the New Heaven/Earth**

**Separated from God in the
Lake of Fire for all eternity**