TSRG#5: Galatians 3:15-29 "GOOD BEHAVIOR WON'T GET YOU OUT"

In Peru there's a stretch of flat, dry ground. people herded animals across it, walked it and farmed near it. Seemed like faint grooves scratched into the ground until planes started flying over it, and people realized those grooves were drawings. The Nazca Lines cover about 173 square miles. They were scratched into the earth. **Close proximity conceals the whole shape.** You could stand right on one and have no idea you were standing inside a masterpiece. Around 1937 Peru built the Pan-American Highway. The road was built before that section of the Lines had been discovered, and it cuts straight through the lizard, cut off its tail before anyone knew it was there. Because couldn't see whole pic - Put a highay through the lizard. **Easy put highway thru lizard stop seeing bigger picture. LIFE: ARGUMENT IN RELATIONSHIP**

- Galatians: Unable to see larger picture what God doing. Misunderstood key aspect threads thru story of God – **THE PROMISE – GEN 12/15: Abe, Israel, World**

They recognized a genuine part of God's revelation (law) but misread its place in God's unfolding purpose.

MP: God fulfills His promise to bless the nations through Christ—the law served that promise, and through faith we become heirs of it.

- Paul accused - against Moses, against the law. People so obsessed with the law they missed the bigger picture. Paul revealing…

GOD'S PROMISE SECURES OUR INHERITANCE

Human covenants aren't annulled when ratified. Abraham's covenant precedes. Primary Promise made to offspring – one particular descendant, the Messiah. Those who belong to Him are therefore Abraham's offspring. **Inheritance: Identity, Relationship, Future**

- The Law 430 years later cannot annul that. If it is by the law then means have changed – **THE LAW SERVES THE PROMISE IT DOESN'T ANUL IT.**

Before Moses ever came down the mountain with the commandments, God had already given Abraham His word.

Beauty of promise from God. God loves us that much. Relationship language.

GOD'S LAW EXPOSES OUR NEED

The law is not in conflict with The Promise. Added because of transgressions

- **MAKES DISOBEDIENCE VISIBLE – Black light in room looks clean – reveals**

Romans 7:7 I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." **Not just information sparks the conscience within us. U SENSE GUILT**

- **WAS NEVER INTENDED TO BRING LIFE** - If it did it would be the final world. WE KNOW IT DOESN'T. **Part of the story but not God's conclusion**
- **CONFINED ALL UNDER SIN – for those thought their performance excluded**
  - **WE ARE IMPRISONED -** Held under its guard. Junior visit to detention center. He takes prisoners to stand before judge.

Romans 3:19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

Good behavior won't get u out on death row. Purp Promise given thru faith/believe

CHRIST ENDS OUR CAPTIVITY

GUARDIAN: Person in the house that was responsible for the children. Guide and direct them for a period of time.

- **The law is intended to instruct us to Jesus. New status by faith in Christ means the role of the law as guardian is complete. Don't go back. J by Faith**
- He paid the price – became a curse for us – took your place on death row at cross

Justified: Justification means God declares the sinner righteous in His sight through faith in Jesus Christ. It is a verdict, not a progress report. God isn't saying, "You're improving. Keep working, and eventually I'll accept you." He receives us because Jesus died for our sins and rose again. **We don't work for our righteousness: in Christ, God give us HIS**

Romans 3:21-24 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

IN CHRIST, WE BELONG AS HEIRS

OUR INHERITANCE THROUGH FAITH

- **Identity - Union with Christ:** United to Messiah. IN CHRIST – Abraham's offspring. Participant of promise to Abraham. WHOSE WE ARE
- **Relationship - Equal Standing:** Oneness. All sons and daughters thru faith. Same Access. **No rankings in God's house**
- **Future:** Resurrection. Freedom from sin and death. Life in renewed creation.

It's freely offered right now – to all who would believe. In this room. God's promise was intended for you to receive by faith. BELIEVE IN JESUS.

Stop trying to earn what has been given to you through promise.

SEE THE PROMISE OF GOD AND WHAT HE HAS DONE FOR YOU.