

**It is not good to be alone**

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## **Set Free Together**

**Galatians 2:15-3:29**

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*So in Christ Jesus you are all  
Children of God through faith,  
for all of you who were baptized  
into Christ have clothed yourselves  
with Christ. There is neither Jew  
or Gentile, neither slave nor free,  
nor is there male nor female,  
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

*Galatians 3:26-28*

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have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be  
justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of  
the law, because by the works of the law no one  
will be justified.

#### **No one can deserve God's loving acceptance**

- It is not universal
- It is not by being good enough
- It is not by being religious or spiritual enough

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#### **The Good News = the Gospel**

- God's loving acceptance is a free gift  
to all who put their faith in Jesus Christ

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## The Big Idea

The Gospel is the **gift** of **Life** in Christ

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### Galatians 3:1-3

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. <sup>2</sup> I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? <sup>3</sup> Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?

They received God's love as a gift by faith  
Then as God's children,  
they were trying to earn His love

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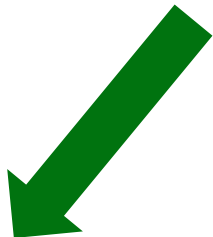
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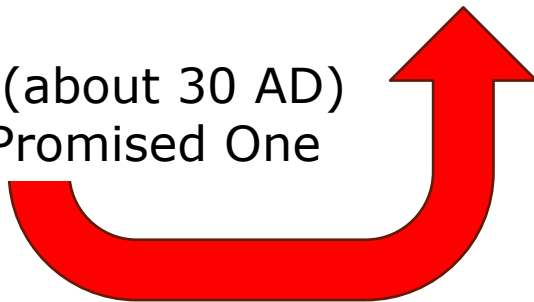


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### **Galatians 3:17-19a**

<sup>17</sup> What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise. <sup>18</sup> For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on the promise; but **God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise.**

<sup>19</sup> Why, then, was the law given at all? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come.

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### **Galatians 3:23-25**

<sup>23</sup> Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> **So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith.** <sup>25</sup> Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

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### Galatians 3:26-29

<sup>26</sup> So **in Christ Jesus** you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptized **into Christ** have clothed yourselves **with Christ.** <sup>28</sup> There is **neither Jew nor Gentile,** **neither slave nor free,** **nor is there male and female,** for you are all one **in Christ Jesus.** <sup>29</sup> If you belong **to Christ** then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

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## When different things are combined

**Concentric circles:** Law of Moses

**Melting pot:** differences are melted into the whole

➤ Color blindness: ignoring or downplaying differences

**Mosaic:** different parts glued together, making a beautiful whole from distinct pieces

**Human body:** differences and blending in unity

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## Core Value: DIVERSE UNITY

We deeply value our unity in Christ in the midst of the richness of diversity of His body and in our congregation. We value the diversity of culture, age, educational level, socioeconomic status, kinds of work and careers, and so on. ... We believe that what makes us the same as human beings (in particular, we are made in the image of God yet spoiled by sin, so we are in need of a savior, and Jesus Christ is the Savior for all who believe) is more fundamental than all of the differences between us.

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1. We pursue unity in Christ in the midst of this rich and growing diversity. ...
2. We intentionally pursue diversity in Christ in all aspects of our life as a church...
3. We endeavor to walk in humility, valuing others above ourselves, willing to listen and learn before we seek to help others understand.
4. We value "healthy discomfort" that is a mark of putting the needs and concerns of others before our own ... as well as the "healthy comfort" of receiving care in a way that fits who we are.
- 5....we place each part of each difference under God...

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## **Questions?**

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