

Captive Under the Law Gal. 3:23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

1. Imprisonment v. 23

2. Instructor v. 24-25

- They were highly educated and skilled in knowledge
- He was a slave of the Master Himself
- He was a strict disciplinarian
- He was temporary
- He has become a friend of the child in the end

3. Inheritance v. 26-29

- For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus
- Immersed in Christ
- Clothed in Christ
- One in Christ
- Heirs in Christ

Questions for Reflection and Application

How would you explain to someone the relationship of the law to a believer's life?

In which area of your life do you most struggle to remember that you're clothed in Christ?

What difference would it make to practice the presence of Christ?

What barriers divide people in the area where you live?

How are those broken down within your church, and what can you do to help this?