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**Study Questions**  
*Free Indeed: A Study in the Epistle of Galatians*  
**The Purpose of the Law**  
**Galatians 3:15-29**

**Opening Discussion**

1. Is it possible to think we are doing well in something, when in reality we are doing very poorly? Give some examples.
2. What is necessary to reveal to us we're not doing as well as we thought we were in various areas of our lives?

**Bible Study**

1. Read Galatians 3:15-29.
2. What is the relationship between the promise and the Law?  
  
Do they work together or are they in conflict?
3. How does Galatians 3 line up with Paul's words in Romans 5:12-21?
4. Read Genesis 15 and review the cutting of the covenant between God and Abraham.  
  
Why did God alone pass through the blood?  
  
How does this help us understand Paul's point in Galatians 3:15-20?
5. What was the purpose of the Law according to Galatians 3:21-24?  
  
What ability does the Law have to impart life?  
  
What ability does the Law have to make us righteous?  
  
Does this change after salvation?
6. Paul states, "Now that faith has come we are no longer under a tutor" (v. 25). He lists several reasons why we don't need a tutor anymore in 3:26-29.  
  
What are those reasons?

7. Many people fear that grace will be used as a license for sin. This fear drives a return to Law after salvation. Given what Paul has said in this passage, is this fear justified and is a return to Law the solution?

## **Application**

1. State in a few short sentences the purpose for the Law.
2. Once you have experienced faith in Christ, is Law necessary? Why or why not?
3. What role **DOES** Law play in your life now; and what role **SHOULD** it play? (see 3:12)