



## PART 10 • STANDING ON THE PROMISES • GALATIANS 3:15-22

The apostle Paul continues in his letter to the Galatian churches to make his case for the one true Gospel of faith alone in Jesus Christ. He's arrived at a crucial point where he senses to obvious questions and objections to the gospel of faith alone for salvation versus the law.

**When Human Will Power Fails Us God's Power & Promise Can and Will Sustain Us.**

### MESSAGE RESPONSE

- 1) What stood out for you from Sunday's message?
- 2) Was there anything you did not understand? What questions were raised for you?
- 3) How did the Holy Spirit speak to you?

### GOING DEEPER

- 1) In what one area of life have you often appealed to your own will power to achieve your goal(s)? How does the contrast between grace and law-keeping impact you view of human will power?
- 2) Paul begins this passage writing to the "brothers," from the Greek *adelphos*. Although a plural, male word in the Greek, it was understood as inclusive in that day. Similar to how 'mankind' is intended to be inclusive. How might you explain to non-Christians who believe that the Bible is gender biased what the intended heart is behind the use of words like brothers? How might've our attitudes as Christians and our understanding of 'God's family' been impacted by attempts to make the Bible more gender neutral? Review Matthew 12:46-50 and consider Jesus' view of 'family.'
- 3) Discuss Paul's argument in vs. 3:15-17. Why is his human example hard for some people to accept?
- 4) What principle is laid down in v. 18a? Compare and contrast what it means to receive something by promise vs. receiving something by law?
- 5) Why was the Law of Moses not able to set aside or add to the promises spoken to Abraham? (You may wish to review Genesis 15:9-18.)
- 6) What, then, is the purpose of the law? (vv.19-22) [Key: What do you think it means that we are "prisoners of sin?"]

***Key Scripture references from last weeks message***

Galatians 3:15-22, Matthew 12:46-50, Matthew 11:28-30