

TITLE AND NUMBER: 85. From law to faith



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Galatians 3:23-29

Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law. You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (v.23-28)

LOOKING FURTHER: Exodus 20:1-17; Mark 12:28-34; Luke 7:50

What does this Bible passage tell us?

When God gave the Ten Commandments, He intended that these rules, or laws, would help people to live a life pleasing to Him and of use to themselves.

Then God sent Jesus, who offered people a life of faith and freedom, which fulfilled the law. Loving and trusting Him with their lives would not only keep them on the right track, but would also build their relationship with Him.

That faith in Jesus is the faith that is available to us today. It does not mean that we will never have difficulties or problems. However, it does mean that God will help us through them. Before faith in Jesus came, the laws were all the people had. But now, through this faith we can be right with God. He will help us to live according to His will and the old laws no longer keep us prisoner. We have freedom in Christ.

Through faith in Jesus, we are also children of God and are equal in His eyes, whatever our race, social position or gender. We are one in Christ Jesus! Therefore, we should treat each other as brothers and sisters in Christ, living out our faith by loving God and loving others as God loves us.



Reflections:

- Through loving and trusting God, our faith grows. Looking back, can you see how your relationship with God has grown?
- Think about any important moments when you feel your relationship with God took a definite step forward. Write them down or draw something to remind you of them. If you ever feel that you are drifting away from God, remind yourself of these moments when your faith grew.
- Remember when you pray to ask God to increase your faith. Then trust that He will do so.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

