

## THE LAW WAS A SCHOOLMASTER

Galatians 3:24-25

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*paidagoogos, paidagoogou*

"denotes the upbringing and handling of the child which is growing up to maturity and which thus needs direction, teaching, instruction and a certain measure of compulsion in the form of discipline or even chastisement." (from Theological Dictionary of the New Testament. Copyright © 1972-1989 By Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. All rights reserved.)

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*paidagoogos, paidagoogou* Galatians 3:24-25 "...here the idea of instruction is absent. In this and allied words the idea is that of training, discipline, not of impartation of knowledge. The *paidagogos* was not the instructor of the child; he exercised a general supervision over him and was responsible for his moral and physical well-being." (Vine's Expository Dictionary)

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The Law had a purpose from the beginning.

It was a work of preparation, to develop man

*"To bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith." Galatians 3:24*

## Limitations Of The Law

- ❑ Could not make one righteous. Galatians 2:21
- ❑ Could not give spiritual life. Galatians 3:21; cf. Romans 3:20
- ❑ Sacrifices could not cleanse from sin. Hebrews 10:1-4

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There is only one God. Deuteronomy 6:4; Exodus 3:13-14

- No other gods before me. Exodus 20:3
- No graven images. Exodus 20:4-5; cf. Exodus 32:1; Note: Deuteronomy 4:15-19
- Results of Idolatry. Deuteronomy 4:24-26; Deuteronomy 8; 28-30

To understand that there is ONE God was essential *"to bring us to Christ."*

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God is our creator. Genesis 1:1; 1:26-27; 2:7

- How did the world begin? Psalms 33:6-9
- What is man, and what is his purpose on the earth?
- ▣ Gives man purpose. Genesis 2:15-17; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
- ▣ Man responsible for those made in the image of God! cf. Genesis 4:8-9

To understand the authority of God is essential  
*"to bring us to Christ."*

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God Is Ruler.

- The Law left no doubt. Exodus 3:15; Exodus 20:3; Exodus 5:3
- Word "LORD" means "ruler, master"
- Israel's rebellion. Isaiah 10:5-11
- Assyria. cf. Isaiah 10:12-14
- Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar. Daniel 4:31-32; Isaiah 13:17-22
- God does rule! Habakkuk 2:20

God blessed the obedient (Deuteronomy 4:31)  
 and punished the disobedient (Deuteronomy 4:24),  
 ...essential to *"bring us to Christ."*

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God's Way Is Best. Deuteronomy 6:24

- Man's way. Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 14:12; Romans 1:22-31
- God's way. Hebrews 11:8-9; Hebrews 11:24-27; Joshua 6:1; Numbers 21:6-8

God's will is for our welfare and happiness ...  
 essential to *"bring us to Christ."*

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Made man aware of his sins. Romans 3:20;  
 Galatians 3:19; Romans 7:7ff; Hebrews 10:3

To *"bring us to Christ,"* we must know  
 our need.

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Made man aware of his need for a Savior!

- The Law promised a Savior. Isaiah 53:4-6; cf. Acts 13:23; Luke 2:11
- Man is a sinner. Romans 3:23-25
- Blood of animals insufficient. Hebrews 10:4
- Blood of Christ is! Romans 3:26
- Without Christ, no salvation. John 14:6; Acts 4:12

Without a Savior, there is no hope!

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No longer under a Schoolmaster.

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- Purpose has been served. Galatians 3:26-29

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- ▣ Yet, foolish to neglect the Schoolmaster.  
Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:11
  - One God.
  - God is our creator.
  - God is ruler.
  - God's way is best.
  - Man is a sinner, Thus man needs a savior.

Brought unto Christ, now enjoy "*Justification by faith.*"  
Receive "*All Spiritual Blessings*" Ephesians 1:3