

MOOREBANK-HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCH
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION

Galatians 3:15-29

1. How would you answer the question: "Should Christians tithe or keep the 'Sunday Sabbath'?"
2. How is Old Testament law relevant to Christians like you?

Read 3:15-18

3. How is the promise to Abraham unrelated to the law?
4. Why is it important that the OT law is not the promise's smallprint?
5. Can you think of ways Christians and some churches might make OT law the "small print" of being a Christian? How could you use Paul's argument to deny that?
6. What is the inheritance spoken of in verse 18? (See also 3:8-9, 14, 16, 18, 22, 29; 4:7, 30-31)
7. How is Christ the offspring of Abraham?

Read 3:19-25

8. What does Paul say in verse 19 was the reason for the law?
9. Verses 23-24: Why is being under the law described by Paul as being "held captive", "imprisoned" and "under a guardian"? Isn't the law good (Romans 7:12)?
10. Fill out this table:

What "was to come"/"has come"?	What has changed?
V19	
V23	
V24	i.
	ii.
V25	

11. If the law ceases for the Jew and is unnecessary for Gentiles – what is the new common ground according to verses 24?
12. What is the point of having the OT law in our Bibles anymore? Can you think of some Christian uses for still reading and knowing it?

Read 3:26-29

13. What is "putting on Christ" (v27)? Is it something you do, or something God has done to you?
14. Since Christians have "being in Christ" in common with one another (and we "are all one in Christ Jesus") is it ok to have different denominations?
15. Paul is not saying we are all identical in v28¹ but that there must be no social barriers between Christians. How does this challenge nationalism and cultural pride, sexism, the extended family versus my church family?
16. What is being "in Christ" How is it better than anything the law offered? (See also Titus 3:3-7)

¹ Paul still sees different roles for different genders within the church and for different "body parts" in Christ Ephesians 4-5).