



January 17 & 18, 2026 | The Promised Fulfilled 3 | Galatians 3:15-22 | Mike Smith

THE PROMISE

Galatians 3:15 To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified.

1. GOD ratified the promise.

Galatians 3:16 Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ.

2. God's promise to ABRAHAM is fulfilled in CHRIST.

Galatians 3:17 This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. 18 For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

3. The Law does not REPLACE the promise.

THE LAW

Galatians 3:19 Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made...

Romans 3:20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

1. The Law REVEALS sin.

Galatians 3:19 ...until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made...

Jeremiah 31:31 Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant... 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them...out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke. 33 ...I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

2. The Law was TEMPORARY.

Galatians 3:19 ...and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. 20 Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

3. The Law is NOT the promise.

- The promise is unconditional and one-sided.
- The Law is conditional and shared.

THE LIES

Galatians 3:21 Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

1. Lie: Faith + RULE KEEPING = righteousness.
2. Lie: As a believer, when I sin, God turns His back on me.
3. Lie: As a believer, it doesn't matter when I sin.

Ask Yourself

Am I falling for one of these lies?

Ask the Lord

Heavenly Father, thank you for your relentless love for us. Jesus, thank you for laying down your life and making a way for us to find life through You. Holy Spirit, thank you for the transformation you are working to accomplish in us. God, help us to stand firm in gospel freedom.

SERMON SCHEDULE

Date	Scripture	Message
Jan. 3-4	Galatians 3:1-9	The Promise Fulfilled 1
Jan. 10-11	Galatians 3:10-14	The Promise Fulfilled 2
Jan. 17-18	Galatians 3:15-22	The Promise Fulfilled 3
Jan. 24-25	Galatians 3:23-29	The Promise Fulfilled 4
Jan. 31 - Feb. 1	Galatians 4:1-11	Sons & Daughters 1
Feb. 7 - 8	Galatians 4:12 - 20	Sons & Daughters 2
Feb. 14- 15	Galatians 4: 21- 5:1	Sons & Daughters 3
Feb. 21-22	Galatians 5:2-12	Walk by the Spirit 1
Feb. 28 - Mar. 1	Galatians 5:13-18	Walk by the Spirit 2
Mar. 7-8	Galatians 5: 19-26	Walk by the Spirit 3
Mar. 14-15	Galatians 6:1-10	Walk by the Spirit 4
Mar. 21-22	Galatians 6:11-18	Walk by the Spirit 5

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