

ἡμεῖς οὖν οὕτως ἀρχόμεθα
πρὸς ὑμᾶς καὶ δημοστέργου

GALATIANS

The Gospel
Creates
Community

καὶ πησώσαν
ταῖς ψυχαῖς τῶν

ἀφίσταν
τάς αὐτῶν
λαλοῦσα
πρόσωπα

Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So

then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has

come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ

have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Now before faith came

3:6

just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”
Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham.

But when the **fullness of time** had
come, **God sent forth his Son**, born
of woman, born under the law,

we were **held captive** under the
law, **imprisoned** until the coming
faith would be revealed.

So then, the law was our **guardian**
until Christ came, in order that we
might be justified by faith.

guardian = pedagogue

The pedagogue was part baby sitter and part chaperone. Since he was in charge of discipline, the pedagogue was also part probation officer. Ancient drawings usually depict him holding a rod or a cane to administer corporal punishment.



But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus **you are all sons of God**, through faith.

John 1:12

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

1 John 3:1

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

The law was all the while standing guard over its subjects, watching and checking every attempt to escape, but intending to hand them over in due time to the charge of faith. The law posts its ordinances, like so many sentinels, round the prisoner's cell. The cordon is complete. He tries again and again to break out; the iron circle will not yield. The deliverance will yet be his. The day of faith approaches.

It dawned long ago in Abraham's promise. Even now its light shines into his dungeon, and he hears the word of Jesus, "Thy sins are forgiven thee; go in peace." Law, the stern jailor, has after all been a good friend, if it has reserved him for this. It prevents the sinner escaping to a futile and illusive freedom.

– G. G. Findlay

For as many of you as were **baptized
into Christ** have **put on Christ**.

1 Corinthians 12:13

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who hast not made me a foreigner. Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who hast not made me a slave. Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who hast not made me a woman.

– 1st Century Jewish Prayer

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for **you are all one** in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:14-16

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

1 Corinthians 7:21-22

Were you a bondservant when called?

Do not be concerned about it. (But if

you can gain your freedom, avail

yourself of the opportunity.) For he who

was called in the Lord as a bondservant

is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he

who was free when called is a

bondservant of Christ.

And if you are Christ's, then you are
Abraham's offspring, heirs according to
promise.

And if you are Christ's, then you are
Abraham's offspring, heirs according to
promise.

The separation between Jew and Gentile was for Judaism the most radical within the human race. It was indeed possible for a Gentile to become a Jewish proselyte. But a Gentile who became a proselyte crossed over to the Jewish side of the gulf; the gulf remained.

– F. F. Bruce



Jeremiah 31:31-33

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, **not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,** declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: **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.