

SERMON OUTLINE

The Training Wheels of The Law

Galatians 3:15-25

Bound by training wheels... (Galatians 3:15-22)

- Not a contract, but a will (Galatians 3:15-18)
 - When we miss the point of the law, we miss the point of the Gospel.
(Galatians 3:19-22)
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Freedom without training wheels... (Galatians 3:23-25)

- When we understand the point of the law, we better understand the Gospel and the freedom that comes with it.
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REFLECTION QUESTIONS (taken in part from the Serendipity Study Bible for Groups)

- Why would someone go back to the law?
- How does the law relate to us? As a prison guard? As a harsh disciplinarian? As a tutor? All three?
- How does Christ change our relationship to the law?
- How do Paul's various arguments here touch your everyday life? Why might they seem obscure?
- How could you clarify Paul's arguments for someone who could not care less about such fine distinctions? How would you use this passage with someone who thought that keeping the Golden Rule or the Ten Commandments is enough to get right with God?
- What are some things you use to try and get right with God apart from Jesus? School? Work? Social status?
- What experience helped you see your need to let the rules drive you to Jesus to find mercy?