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NO OTHER GOSPEL: STAND FIRM IN YOUR FREEDOM!

The Law's Purpose in God's Plan

Galatians 3:19–25

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Order of Worship

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- Worship Through Praise
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ENGLISH SERMON OUTLINE

No Other Gospel: Stand Firm in Your Freedom!

The Law's Purpose in God's Plan

Galatians 3:19–25

If the Bible teaches that salvation is by grace through faith, why did God give the Law at all? Paul's answer is both theological and practical: the Law is not a contradiction to grace but a pointer to it. Not the destination, but the signpost:

THE LAW WAS ADDED TO EXPOSE SIN AND PREPARE FOR CHRIST (vv. 19–20)

- (Galatians 3:19) The Law wasn't given to make people righteous, but to show people how *unrighteous* they are (Romans 7:7).
- The Law was always meant to be temporary until Jesus arrived: *"until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made"* (v. 19c).
- When God reveals our sin, it's not to shame us, but to drive us to His grace. If your conscience is heavy, don't run from God; turn to Christ.

THE LAW COULD NOT GIVE LIFE, ONLY POINT TO OUR NEED (vv. 21–22)

- (Galatians 3:21) The problem isn't with the Law itself, it's with what the Law cannot do. *"For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law"* (v. 21). The Law can only diagnose, but it cannot cure (Romans 3:20).
- *"The Scripture imprisoned everything under sin."* The Law locks us in, showing we are all guilty before God (Romans 3:9–10). Why does it do that? *"so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe."*
- The Law shuts down every other path, leaving us with only one. The Law corners us so that we'll find Christ is the only way out.

THE LAW WAS A GUARDIAN, BUT ITS JOB IS DONE (vv. 23–25)

- Before Christ came, *"we were held captive under the law"* (v. 23). The Law kept us under custody until something better arrived. *"So then, the law was our [paidagōgos] until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith"* (v. 24). Christ has come. The time of being watched over by the Law is over (Romans 10:4).
- What was meant to guide you to Christ must not keep you from trusting *in* Christ. If you're a believer, you're no longer under a watcher, but a child of the Father. You don't obey *to be* loved; you obey because you're *already* loved.

Final Thoughts

The Law was never meant to save us, but to prepare us for the One who can. We need to see our sin before we can truly long for a Savior. But after we come to Christ in faith, we are no longer under the Law's custody because its job is done (John 1:17).

Thank God for the Law that exposed our sin. Thank Christ for the cross that removed it. ■

Sermon Notes

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FILIPINO SERMON OUTLINE

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Ang Layunin Ng Batas

Galatians 3:19–25

Sa mga nakaraang talata, mariin na ipinahayag ni Pablo na ang kaligtasan ay sa pamamagitan ng pananampalataya lamang, at hindi sa pamamagitan ng pagsunod sa batas o paggawa ng mabuting gawa (Galatians 3:7-9, 11, 18). Kung gayun nga, bakit pa binigay ng Diyos ang batas? Sa mga susunod na talata, malinaw na ang batas ay ibinigay hindi upang magligtas, kundi ituro tayo sa Tagapagligtas.

1. ANG BATAS AY BINIGAY UPANG IBUNYAG ANG KASALANAN, vv. 19–20

- Ang batas ang naglalantad ng ating kasalanan at pangangailangan ng Tagapagligtas – *"Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions"* (Romans 7:1–13).
- Ang bisa ng batas ay pansamantala hanggang sa pagdating ng ipinangakong Anak – *"until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made"* (v. 16; Acts 3:25).
- Ang batas ay nangailangan pa ng tagapamagitan, na hindi na kailangan upang matupad ang pangako ng Diyos – *"and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary"* (Acts 7:53; Leviticus 26:46). *"Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one"* (Genesis 15:12–17).

2. ANG BATAS AY HINDI BINIGAY UPANG MAGBIGAY NG BUHAY, vv. 21–23

- Ang batas ay hindi ibinigay upang salungatin at palitan ang pangako ng Diyos, sapagkat hindi ito nagbibigay ng buhay – *"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."* (Galatians 2:21)
- Ang batas ay ibinigay upang makita natin na tayo'y bihag ng kasalanan at ang tanging pag-asa natin ay ang pangakong kaligtasan ng Diyos – *"But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed."* (Romans 3:9-12, 19–20, 23; Galatians 3:9, 14, 29)

3. ANG BATAS AY BINIGAY UPANG ITURO TAYO SA TAGAPAGLIGTAS, vv. 24–25

- Ang batas ay ang "tagapag-alaga" ng mga aariing-matuwid sa pamamagitan ng pananampalataya kay Kristo Hesus – *"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"* (Matthew 5:17; Romans 10:4; Colossians 2:17; Hebrews 9:9, 10).

Malinaw na ipinakita ni Pablo na ang pananampalataya sa pangakong kaligtasan ng Panginoon ang tanging daan upang ang makasalanan ay ariing-matuwid sa mata ng Diyos. Kumapit na tayong lahat sa Kanyang pangakong kaligtasan na na kay Kristo Hesus lamang. ■

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WORSHIP WITH US AT GCF ORTIGAS

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM English
10:30 AM English
Auditorium B

3:00 PM Filipino
5:30 PM English
Auditorium A

SATURDAYS

5:30 PM Traditional
Auditorium B

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 PM
Ortigas Community Worship
GCF Chapel, Ground Floor

Livestream is available during the 10:30 AM and 3:00 PM Sunday Services. The recording of the Traditional Service will be streamed on Sundays at 5:30 PM.

KIDS on SUNDAYS

Kids L.I.F.E. Sunday School

8:00 AM Ages 2–6 and 7–13 • 4th Floor
10:30 AM Ages 1.5–3 • Toddlers' Center
Ages 4–13 • 4th Floor
3:00 PM & Ages 3–5 • Toddlers' Center
5:30 PM Ages 6–13 • 4th Floor

YOUTH on SATURDAYS

4:00 PM **Youth L.I.V.E. Discipleship Gathering**
For ages 13 to 20 • Fellowship Hall

YOUNG ADULTS on FRIDAYS

7:00 PM **YA Fridays**
For ages 20s to 40s • Fellowship Hall

BIBLE STUDY on SUNDAYS

9:30 AM **Sunday Bible School (SBS)**
Open to all • GCF Chapel

9:30 AM & 4:30 PM **"Like Jesus" Youth Bible Study**
For all high school students • Room B124

9:30 AM **Men's Growth Group Express**
Open to all men • Room A107a

PRAYER HOUR on THURSDAYS

8:00 PM **GCF Family's Hour of Prayer**
Open to all • Online via Zoom
Zoom link: bit.ly/GCFHourOfPrayer
Meeting ID: 848 3227 7763 • Passcode: 984990

OUTREACH on WEDNESDAYS

5:30 PM **Ortigas Community Outreach**
Open to all • Fellowship Hall

TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE & DEATH

Share this with your friends and family who need to know Christ!

THE CHARACTER OF GOD

God is holy, pure, and just. He rightfully and righteously judges and punishes all sin.

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" (Isaiah 6:3)

"Who will not fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy." (Revelation 15:4)

THE CRISIS WE FACE

We all have failed God's standard and face God's righteous judgment.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." (Romans 3:23)

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth." (Romans 1:18)

THE CALL OF JESUS

The Lord Jesus is God's only way for us to be forgiven and reconciled to God. He took the judgment for our sins on the Cross, and whoever comes to Christ for forgiveness, He gives new life and an eternal relationship with God.

"Jesus said "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."(Romans 6:23)

"The Lord Jesus is calling out to us: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28–30)

WHAT MUST WE DO?

Come to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness and salvation:

"Lord Jesus, be merciful to me—a sinner. I believe that You are the Son of God who took the penalty for my sins on the Cross. I humbly ask You to be my Savior and submit to you as my LORD forever. Amen."

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT GCF ORTIGAS

QUESTIONS ABOUT GCF ORTIGAS?

Want to join a Growth Group? Looking to apply for church membership? Curious about the various ministries? Visit the new INFO HUB at the Lobby.

ARE YOU HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

We would love to connect with you after every Worship Service. Our pastors and team are excited to meet you! Drop by Room BM07 at the Mezzanine Floor or reach out to us at **gcf.link/GCFWelcome**

DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

If you need support or clarification on some issues, we are here to help. Call the GCF ERCC Hotline at 0917 532 7794

ONE WEEK TO GO!

GCF Apologetics Conference 2025
Did Jesus Really Say He Was God:
Making Sense of Christ's Historical Claims

JULY 5
Saturday

8:00 AM – 12:00 NN
Auditorium B, GCF Ortigas
Guest Speaker: Dr. Mikel del Rosario

Ticket Price: Php 200 at the Main Lobby

Membership Class

July 6, 13, and 20 Sundays

3 sessions
9:30 AM – 12:00 NN
Room B302, 3rd Floor
Register via **gcf.link/Membership**

Spiritual Gifts Class

July 27 Sunday

1 session
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Room B302, 3rd Floor
Register via **gcf.link/SpiritualGifts**

CONNECT GT Day Identity Series: "Why Am I Here?"

July 13 Sunday

12:00 NN – 4:00 PM
Fellowship Hall, GCF Ortigas
Speaker: Pastor Larry Pabiona
Open to all BPO employees and friends!
Register for free via **gcf.link/ConnectGTDay**

Basic Missions Awareness Course

July 19 and 26 Saturdays

2 sessions
7:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Room B117, GCF Ortigas
Limited slots only!
Register for free via **gcf.link/BMACourse**

REFUGE: Young Adults Retreat 2025

August 22–24 Friday to Saturday

Timberland Highlands Resort, San Mateo, Rizal
For ages 20 to 40++, including college students
Retreat Fee: Php 4,000 (all-inclusive)
Register via **gcf.link/YARetreat2025**

Shower of Blessings for GCF Rizal

Together, let's bless our new church plant! To see the list of needs, visit **gcf.link/BlessRizal** or scan the QR Code.

Designate your offering labeled, "for GCF Rizal" For inquiries, contact grace.mosquera@gcf.org.ph

THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

Did Jesus Really Claim to be Divine?

When talking to people who don't believe the Bible, quoting Scripture often feels like a non-starter. But as Dr. Mikel Del Rosario often emphasizes, we don't have to set aside reason to talk about faith. We can look at Jesus through the lens of history—treating the Gospels the way we would other ancient sources—and still see something remarkable: Jesus consistently said and did things that pointed to a divine identity.

Dr. Mikel would point out that Jesus didn't go around shouting, "I am God," but in his Jewish context, his words and actions sent that exact message. He forgave sins, accepted worship, called God "Father" in a unique way, and used titles like "Son of Man" that carried deep significance. These weren't just bold moves—they were deeply theological claims. His audience understood, and many were outraged. He wasn't killed for being kind or wise. He was crucified because people believed he was committing blasphemy—making himself equal with God.

So if someone says Jesus never claimed to be divine, we can walk them through the evidence. Not with sermons, but with conversation. That's where apologetics comes in—not to win arguments, but to invite others into a serious look at Jesus as a historical figure.

Would you want to learn how to do this better? Join us at the **GCF Apologetics Conference 2025 on July 5, Saturday, at 8:00 AM.** Dr. Mikel Del Rosario will guide us through how to talk about Jesus in a way that's honest, respectful, and grounded in history. Whether you're having coffee with a skeptic friend or just want to grow deeper in your own faith, this is a conference worth joining.

Tickets are available now at the GCF Ortigas Main Lobby—get yours today! ■

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