**Why Grace Still Reigns**

**Galatians 3:15-25**

**Recap:**

* **No other Gospel (Galatians 1:1-10)**
* **God Made Not Man Made (Galatians 1:11-2:10)**
* **The Wrong Compromise (Galatians 2:11-15)**
* **Living by Faith (Galatians 2:17-21)**
* **Faith Over Flesh (Galatians 3:1-14)**
  + **The Foolishness of Turning from the Faith (vv. 1-5)**
  + **Faith has always Been the Way (vv. 6-9)**
  + **The Curse of the Law vs The Blessing of Faith (vv. 10-14)**

**Introduction:**

* **Galatians 3:15-25**
* **There’s truth that echoes louder than our failures, stronger than our doubts, and deeper than our regrets: Grace still reigns. In a world that often rewards performance and punishes imperfection, grace stands as a divine contradiction-unearned, undeserved, yet freely given.**
* **Today, we gather not to celebrate our goodness, but to marvel at God’s. The Apostle Paul Wrote in Romans 5:20-21, “God’s law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God’s wonderful grace became more abundant. So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God’s wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Christ our Lord.” Grace does not just survive-it rules. It reigns over shame, over guilt, over the past, and even over the present struggles we carry.**
* **This message is not just theological-it is personal. Because if grace, then hope reigns. If grace reigns, then healing is possible. If grace reigns, then no one is too far gone. Not you. Not me. Not anyone.**
* **So, let us lean in. Let us open our hearts to the reign of grace. Because when grace rules, everything changes**

1. **Unchanging Promise (vv. 15-18)**
   1. **The Law does not set aside God’s Promise of Blessing** 
      1. **Genesis 12:2-3:**
      2. **I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”**
   2. **Paul uses a human example: once a covenant is ratified, it cannot be altered.** 
      1. **Matthew 5:17:**
      2. **Don’t misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No I came to accomplish their purpose.**
   3. **God’s Promise to Abraham came 430 years before the Law.**
   4. **The inheritance comes by promise, not by law.**
   5. **The Law does not cancel the promise-it highlights its necessity.**
2. **Why then the Law (vv. 19-22)**
   1. **The Law shows us we need a Savior.**
   2. **The Law was added because of transgressions-to reveal sin, not to remove it.**
   3. **It was temporary, meant to last “until the coming of the child who was promised”-Christ-came.**
   4. **The Law was mediated by Jesus, and the promise came directed from God.**
      1. **Mediator: a person who attempts to make people involved in a conflict come to an agreement.**
      2. **1 Timothy 2:5: For, there is one God and One Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity-the man Christ Jesus.**
      3. **Romans 8:34: Who then will condemn us? No one-for Christ died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God’s right hand, pleading for us.**
      4. **Genesis 3:15b: “He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”**
   5. **The Law shows us our need for grace; it does not replace it.**
3. **The Law as a Guardian (vv. 23-25)**
   1. **Before faith, we were held captive under the Law.**
   2. **The Law was our Guardian (Greek: Paidagogos Pai-da-go-gos)-a tutor guiding us to Christ.**
   3. **Key Point: The Law was a guide not a Savior.**
   4. **The Savior Jesus has come believe in Christ Alone.**

**Conclusion/Application:**

* **As we close today, let us remember this: grace is not a relic of the past-it is the reigning power of the present. It is not diminished by our failures, nor is it diluted by the chaos of the world. Grace still reigns.**
* **When sin abounds, grace abounds more. When heart grows weary, grace renews. When the world says, “you’re not enough,” grace whispers “Christ is.” The cross was not the end-it was the coronation of grace. And the empty tomb? That was grace triumph.**
* **So, walk out of here not with guilt, but with gratitude. Not with shame, but with strength. Because the throne of heaven is not built on judgment-it is built on mercy. And that mercy is yours.**
* **Grace still reigns. In your past. In your present. And in your future.**
* **Let us live like people who know it.**