**June 3, 2018 “Why The Law Then?” Galatians 3:19-24**

There are a number of factors that went into the preparation of this message today and so if you would bear with me, I would like to go through them, perhaps not in total chronological order but in the order of how those events has impacted our study of Scripture today.

First, in our Sunday school class of last year, Rolland and I have been working our way through the O.T. with the children of the class as we have been going through Egermeier’s Bible Story Book. This Book has been our guide through primarily the O.T. We have concluded our class for this year with the memorization of the Ten Commandments. One commandment was given to each student to memorize and together we looked at all the Commandments and through osmosis I would say that most have learned all ten of the Commandments.

Galatians 3: 19-24… Why the Law? (David vs 24)

(Children recite the commandments)

Quotes by Andy Stanley

Second, a letter that was given me last week is from a local public-school superintendent outlining a collaborative vision for rural school districts in our area. This letter is, in my opinion, nothing more than a collectivist effort to produce uneducated proletariat drones to meet the needs of the various industries in our area. This is typical of mindset which has produced in our society the following:

* Post-modernistic view… there is no such thing as absolute truth. Everything is relative to the situation in which you find yourself. It’s sort of like flying an airplane without a compass or any other navigational devices hoping that when you run out of fuel in the plane you will land safely.
* Since everything is relative nothing is absolute. There are no standards, therefore anything you determine is right for you must be OK as long as you don’t hurt anyone else.
* Because there are no standards, personal freedom is king. Nothing really matters except what you want to do at the moment.
* Because there is no such thing as truth and because there are no standards and because my personal freedom is paramount, you have no right to judge me or anything else.

Many may say that these things are not true, but I would challenge you to evaluate the news you hear on television and radio. The television shows that are promoted today and take a good hard look at the values or lack of values promulgated by many of our communities today.

That leads me to the third thing that happened this week. Terry and I were in Wally world getting some things when we both spotted this younger woman with her face all pocked with red sores. With her was a younger male wearing a hooded sweatshirt, dark glasses and just kind of shuffling along behind her. Now what do you think those folks were into?

So here is the question of the day, “what is the message of the Church to the person who thinks there is no such thing as truth, no such thing as standards for life, no such thing as rules and no such thing as judgment?”

Oh I know… God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life. Really? I love me too and I have a wonderful plan for my life as well… maybe me and God can be buds? After all we both love me!!!!

Maybe our message should be that Jesus told me I need to buy a 54-million-dollar jet so that I don’t have to stop so often and re-fuel in places where fuel is costly. Is that the message for today? Is the message that Jesus will fix everything in your life and you will be happy?

Paul addresses these questions, indirectly when he asks in Galatians 3:19 this question… “Why the Law then?” What is the message?

It is this… there is truth, there is authority, there are rules and there is a judge before whom all men will stand. Until people understand there are eternal consequences for sin, there can never be an understanding of what Jesus Christ accomplished on the cross.

1. If God knew that no man could live righteously why did He give us the Law if we can never be saved by it?
   1. Exodus 19:10-19
   2. Exodus 20:18
      1. It was a public demonstration
         1. The truth of God’s Word
         2. The authority of God over all things
         3. The standard of God’s righteousness
         4. The fact of His judgment

Let us never forget that this Christian life is to be lived publicly as a living, walking, breathing testimony of all four things mentioned above.

* 1. Second reason
     1. Added because transgressions
        1. Romans 7:7-8
        2. Why does Paul mention coveting?
           1. I am not like those Gentile dogs
           2. Until the 10th commandment
  2. Third reason
     1. Until… the seed
        1. Genesis 3:15… the seed of the woman
        2. Meaning Christ
           1. “for unto us a child is born and unto us a Son is given.” (Isaiah 9:6)
           2. And His Name shall be called

“Wonderful”

“Counselor”

“Mighty God”

“Everlasting Father”

“Prince of Peace”

* 1. Fourth reason
     1. Acts 2:37-40
        1. Save yourselves from this perverse generation
     2. Mark 1:15
        1. Repent and believe
        2. Oh my life is just fine the way it is…
           1. Really look to the Law
           2. You will see your need to repent… daily
     3. Fifth reason
        1. Hebrews 12:1-2
           1. Laying aside every encumbrance

Thinking I am good and I am better than…

Look at the Law of God

* + - * 1. Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us…
        2. Fix our eyes on Jesus

Hebrews 12:18-24

Repent and believe