

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS **NO OTHER GOSPEL:**
FREEDOM IN CHRIST

LESSON 8a: "Relating to God: Let's Compare" **Date:** November 2, 2014

TEXT: Galatians 3:23-4:7

INTRODUCTION

In Galatians 3:23-4:7, Paul compares two different ways of relating to God, and he does so by considering their "pros and cons." Paul is evaluating faith in Christ and adherence to the Law, as competing means of relating to God. As he compares and contrasts these different methods, it becomes clear that while both have "pros," the absence of "cons" in the way of faith in Christ makes it the excellent choice. Yes, *relating to God through faith is _____ than relating to God through the Law.*

In essence, Paul adds one more argument to his repertoire as he defends salvation by grace alone through faith alone: the _____ of faith (3:23-4:7). Paul proves the excellence of faith by _____ it with the Law in two areas.

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1. *The ministry of the _____ (vv. 23-24) — its function:*

a. _____, _____ *us under sin (v. 23)*

Application:

b. _____, *directing us toward _____ (v. 24)*

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- Third, the ministry of the guardian was only a _____ one.
- Fourth, the ultimate goal of the guardian was the _____ of the children.
- Finally, the guardian worked in _____ with the father, not independently of him.

Application:

2. *The ministry of _____ (vv. 25-29) — its offer:*

a. _____ *(vv. 25-26)*

b. _____ *(vv. 27-28)*

c. _____ *(v. 29)*

Application:

Application: John 1:16-17

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