

## “OLD TESTAMENT --- NEW TESTAMENT”

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Continued from last week: In **Gal. 3:23-26** Paul makes another argument that shows the Law of Moses was done away. *“23 But before faith came, we were kept in ward under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. 24 So that the law is become our tutor to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith is come, we are no longer under a tutor, 26 For ye are all sons of God, through faith, in Christ Jesus.”* In this text the “tutor” is the Law of Moses. “The faith,” is that that has “been revealed.” – The Law of Christ, Gal. 6:2.

As long as the Law of Moses (the tutor) was in existence, we were kept in ward under the Law, shut up unto **“The Faith”** that would afterwards be revealed. Both laws were not in existence at the same time. The Law of Moses was ever **pointing** to the Law of Christ. Sometimes there was a shadow, and sometimes there were types and antitypes, and with all of the prophecies that pointed to the Law of Christ, Rom. 8:1-2, the real thing was **“the Law of Christ.”** All of the Law of Moses was a “tutor” to bring us to Christ.

The “Faith” of this passage has reference to the Gospel of Christ. There are two uses of the word “faith” in the New Testament. (1) Our personal faith is what is acquired from hearing the word of God. Rom. 10:17, *“So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”* This faith is described in Heb. 11:1, *“Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen.”* When one hears the Word of God, the material presented therein is such that it produces faith in the heart of a person. This “faith” that a person has, which is pleasing to God, can only be acquired from a study of the Word of God. *“Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God,”* Rom. 10:17.

(2) There is **another way** the word **“Faith”** is used; it has reference to the **Word of God**. Jude 3, *“Beloved, while I was giving all diligence to write unto you of our common salvation, I was constrained to write unto you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints.”* According to this passage this “faith” is that which was **“revealed.”** So is stated in Gal. 3:23: *“shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.”* That, which was revealed, was the New Testament, the new law, the Law of Christ, or we might refer to it as the **“Gospel of Christ.”** In Gal. 3:23-26 it is the “Law of Christ” to which that is referred.

So, the Law of Moses was a **“tutor”** to bring us to Christ. Since the Law of Christ has come, there is no longer a need for the “tutor” because they were under the Law of Christ. The “tutor” served its purpose and is no longer in existence. The justification by “Faith,” in Gal. 3:26, does not have to do with a personal faith, but rather **“The Faith,”** that is the Gospel of Christ. That is what will save a man today, it is **“the power of God unto salvation,”** Rom. 1:16.

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