

The Law and the Promise - Galatians 3:15-25

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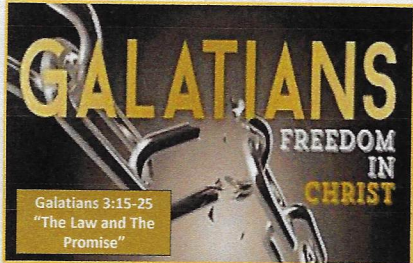
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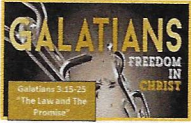


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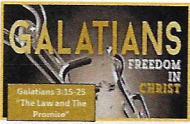
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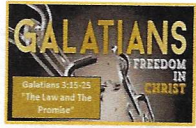


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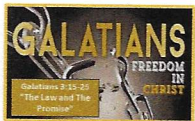
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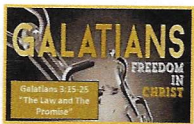
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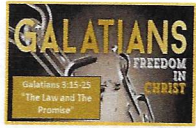
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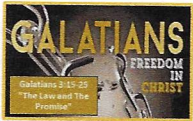
Introduction

Paul turned to an illustration from the Galatians' daily experience to help them understand the principles of law and grace. He found parallels in the making and executing of human agreements to the way that God deals with us. In [3:15-18](#) he used the Judaizers' own arguments against them. They had argued that Moses' law was a fuller and more complete expression of the covenant given to Abraham. Paul reversed their train of thought and showed that God's promise to Abraham was a promise made prior to Moses.

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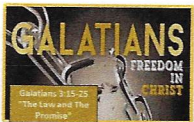


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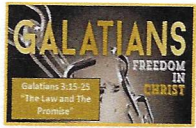


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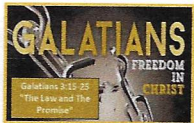
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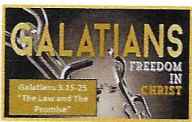
¹⁵ Dear brothers and sisters, here's an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or amend an irrevocable agreement, so it is in this case.

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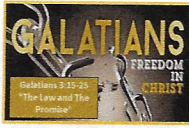
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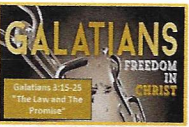
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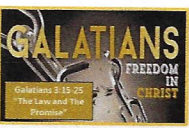


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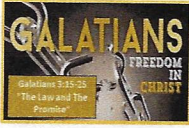
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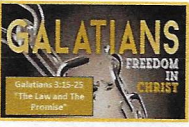


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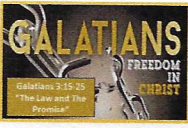
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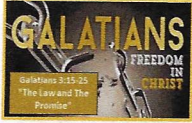


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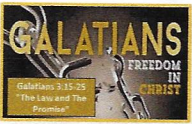


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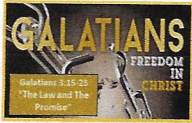
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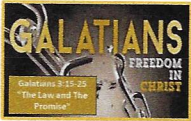


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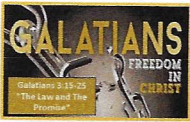
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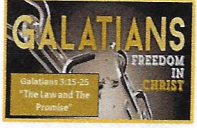


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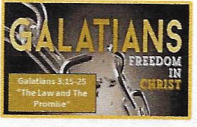
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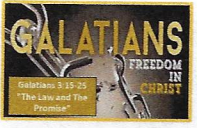


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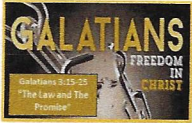
²¹ Is there a conflict, then, between God's law and God's promises? Absolutely not! If the law could give us new life, we could be made right with God by obeying it.

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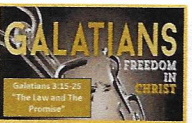


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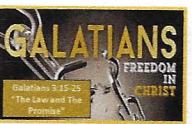
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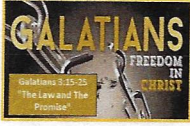


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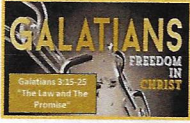
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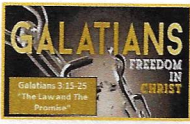
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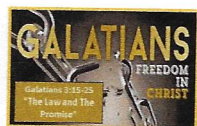
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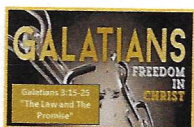


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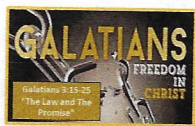
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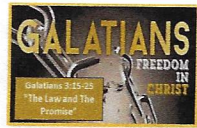
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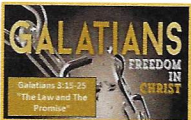
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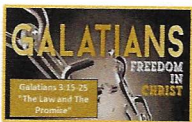
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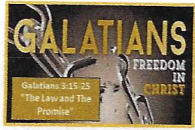


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