

SMALL GROUP LESSON FOR MEMBERS

## **Then what is the LAW good for?**

**Romans 4:13-15, Galatians 3:21-27**

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

The United States is a nation that places great importance on the “rule of law.” Not surprisingly, in this country we have an abundance of laws enacted by every level of government from the Federal government down to our local city councils. Laws serve many purposes and functions in our society. Four principal purposes and functions are: establishing standards; maintaining order; resolving disputes; and, protecting liberties and rights.

This week’s sermon and bible study lesson examine what Paul has to say concerning the purpose of God’s Laws and what they are designed to do.

Discussion Questions:

1. According to Paul, how was Abraham reckoned as righteous?
2. What arguments does Paul use to show that Abraham was justified by faith, not by adherence to the Law? Why is that important?
3. What does Paul tell the Galatians the purpose of the Law is?
4. Why does Paul say that “Law brings wrath,” and “where there is no law, there is no transgression?”
5. If faith brings righteousness and the Law brings wrath, then why would God give us the Law?