

Which Law Serves for the Christians as “Tutor” to Christ?

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Abstract

Among the epistles of Paul, the book of Galatians along with Romans, are considered by many readers as theologically difficult. Especially in his indiscriminate use of the word *law*. In Galatians 3 alone, the term *law* has been used more than ten times. One of the issues in this particular letter, is, when Paul claims that “the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ” (Gal 3:24 NKJV). The Old Testament alone has 600 laws. The questions that emerged: first, which law – natural, ceremonial, moral, civil, dietary and health, social, purity – serve as the *tutor* of the Christians to Christ? Second, the word *tutor* from Greek *paidagogos*, in what sense does the *law* become the *tutor* to Christ? The result of the study showed that the laws are the Christians’ *tutor* to Christ. All the ceremonial laws, though temporary in its duration, contained in ordinances in all His types and sacrifices; and the moral law, as enduring, showed the absolute need of a Redeemer served as tutor to Christ. The *tutor* functions as the guardian, trainer, supervisor, protector, in-charge, trustworthy slave, custodian and disciplinarian conduct the *pupil* to the Christ.

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