

EMBRACING OUR FREEDOM IN CHRIST

GALATIANS 3:19-29



'I hated the God who demanded perfection, until I discovered
Romans 1:17 which says:
'The righteous shall live by faith.'

MARTIN LUTHER



SCALA SANCTA ROME - THE "HOLY STAIRS"

A set of 28 white marble steps in Rome, near the Basilica of St. John Lateran

- 1. The Futility of Religion (Gal. 3:19–22)**
- 2. The Finality of Christ (Gal. 3:23–25)**
- 3. The Flourishing as A Son (Gal. 3:26–29)**

SERMON OUTLINE

21 Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not!

For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness
would indeed be by the law.

GALATIANS 3:21

22 But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

GALATIANS 3:22

1. The Futility of Religion.

GALATIANS 3:19-22

RELIGION	THE GOSPEL
THE MORAL LAW IS A BURDEN	THE MORAL LAW IS A BLESSING

RELIGION VS. THE GOSPEL

NATIONALISTIC	SPIRITUALISTIC	LEGALISTIC
Judaism.	Buddhism, Taoism, New Age movement.	Islam, and the moralistic version of Christianity

RELIGIONS



REDUCES GOD TO A COSMIC VENDING MACHINE

For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.

If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.

PSALMS 50:12

35 "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"

36 For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be glory forever.

Amen

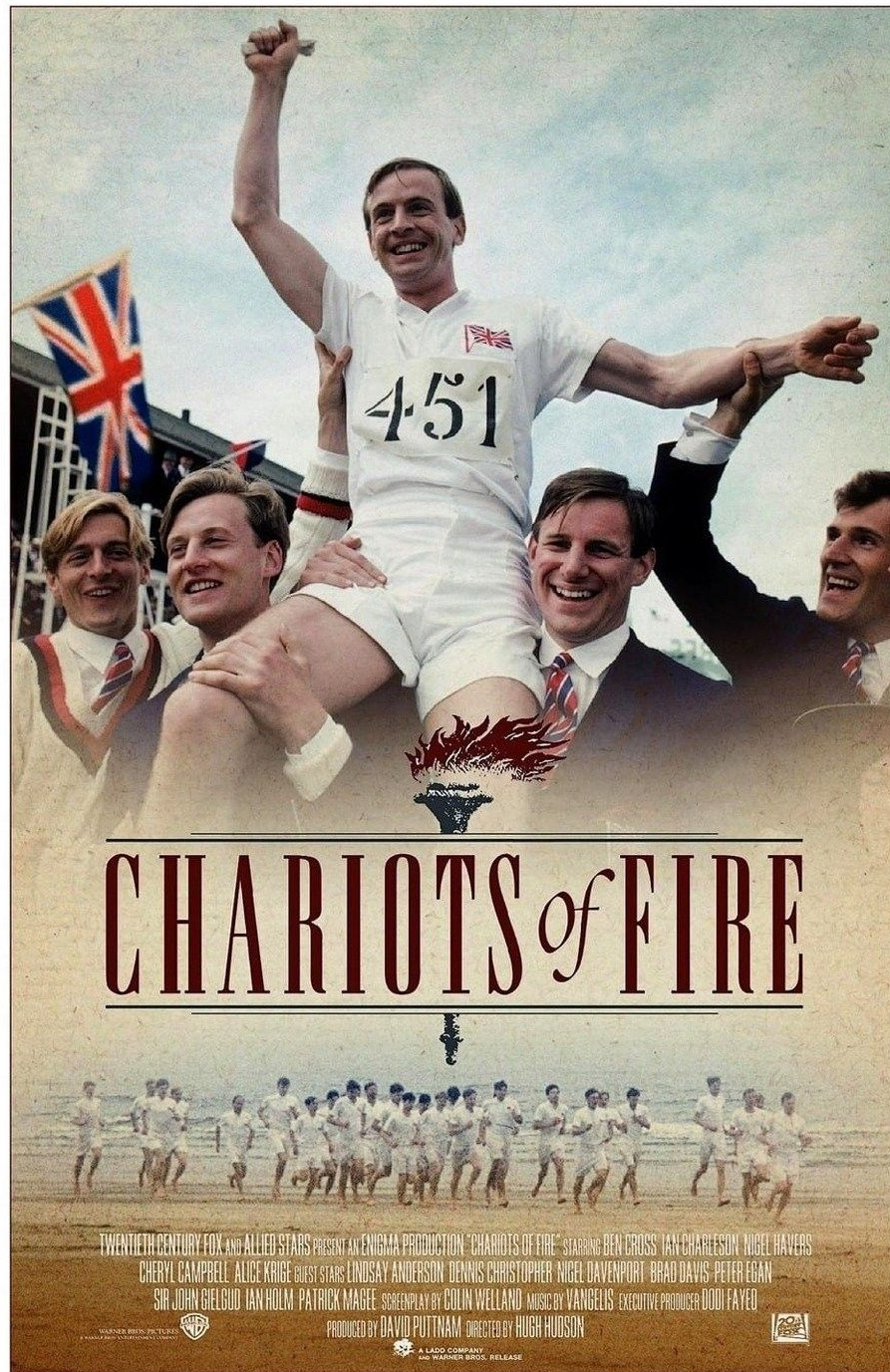
ROMANS 11:35-36

**Religion uses the Law to elevate our pride, while the gospel humbles
and drives us to Jesus.**

TRUTH #1



Eric Henry Liddell



Harold Abrahams

2. The Finality of Christ Jesus

GALATIANS 3:23-25

24 So then, **the law was** our **guardian** until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.

25 But now that faith has come, **we are no longer under a guardian,**

GALATIANS 3:24-25

A. Jesus is Lord of the Law

2. THE FINALITY OF CHRIST JESUS

And Jesus said to them, **the Sabbath was made for man**, not man for the Sabbath.

28 So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

MARK 2:27-28

You have heard that it was said,

'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

44 But I say to you,

love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,"

MATTHEW 5:43-44

B. Jesus Self-Consciousness: 'I Am the End of the Law'

2. THE FINALITY OF CHRIST JESUS

18 And Jesus said to them,
"I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven"

LUKE 10:18

34 Therefore **I send you prophets and wise men (sages) and scribes**, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town,

MATTHEW 23:34

Jesus is the End of the Law because HE wrote it, fulfilled it, and frees believers from its condemnation.

TRUTH #2

3. The Flourishing of A Son

GALATIANS 3:26-29

**26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God,
through faith.**

27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is
no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

**29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's
offspring, heirs according to promise.**



GALATIANS 3:26;29



When you rest in His finished work,
You can finally live...
...**FROM** Jesus' acceptance;
NOT FOR Jesus' acceptance.

JESUS' FINISHED WORK UNDERNEATH YOUR WORK

God sent His Son to fulfil the Law's demands, so we could receive righteousness by faith, and live as free heirs of His promise.

MAIN TRUTH

THANK YOU