

UNDER ARREST

"BEFORE THIS FAITH CAME, WE WERE CONFINED BY THE LAW,
AND KEPT IN CUSTODY, WITH THE PROSPECT OF THE FAITH
THAT WAS TO BE REVEALED." GAL. 3:23 (MOFFATT)

I. THE REASON FOR THE ARREST

1. "KEPT UNDER THE LAW, SHUT UP"
2. LIKE A SENTINEL OR SENTRY GUARDING EVERY AVENUE OF ESCAPE
EXCEPT ONE.
3. THE GREAT PRISON HOUSE OF ALL HUMANITY

B. THE CONDEMNATION OF THE LAW.

1. THE UNHAPPY PERIOD "BEFORE FAITH CAME"
2. "CURSED BE HE THAT CONTINUETH NOT IN ALL THE WORDS
OF THE LAW TO DO THEM."

C. THE CONCLUSION OF THE LAW

1. NOT TO SAVE
 - A. SOMETIMES WORKS ARE OBVIOUSLY A HINDRANCE TO SALVATION.
ILLUSTRATION OF SWIMMER RESCUING A DROWNING MAN.
 - B. DR. IRONSIDE'S STORY, "THE WRONG REMEDY."
2. BUT TO SHOW OUR NEED OF SALVATION, V. 22
 - A. THE SCRIPTURE HAS CONSIGNED ALL WITHOUT EXCEPTION
TO THE CUSTODY OF SIN.
 - B. ALL MEN, WITHOUT A SINGLE EXCEPTION, COME UNDER THIS CHARGE.
(THIS IS A CROWDED PRISON.)
 - C. TO SHOW THE REASONABLENESS OF SALVATION BY FAITH IN
JESUS CHRIST ALONE.
 - D. WHEN THE SCRIPTURE CONCLUDES, OR SHUTS UP, ALL MEN
TOGETHER UNDER SIN, IT IS NOT BY DRIVING THEM INTO SIN,
BUT FOR THE SAKE OF CALLING THEM OUT FROM IT.

II. THE RELEASE WHICH SET US FREE.

A. FAITH IS A REVELATION:

"WHICH SHOULD AFTERWARD BE REVEALED"

1. WE HAD NO IDEA OF FAITH BY NATURE — NOT THIS KIND OF FAITH.
2. WE COULD NOT REACH FAITH, EVEN WHEN WE BEGAN TO SEE ITS
NECESSITY, ADMITTED ITS EFFICACY,
AND DESIRED TO EXERCISE IT.

B. FAITH IS A RELEASE

1. REDEMPTION, RANSOM
2. RELEASE FROM SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS
3. RELEASE FROM THE GUILT AND POWER OF SIN
4. RELEASE FROM THE CUSTODY OF THE LAW.
5. THIS RELEASE AND DELIVERANCE BY JESUS IS COMPLETE.
6. THIS RELEASE IS THE GIFT OF GOD'S GRACE,
NOT BY THE WORKS OF MAN.

STORY OF THE WEALTHY LADY IN N.Y. WHO BUILT A BEAUTIFUL
CHURCH AND PRESENTED THE DEED TO THE BISHOP IN RETURN
FOR ONE DOLLAR. BUT GOD'S CHILDREN DO NOT PAY ANYTHING
AT ALL FOR ANY PART OF THEIR SALVATION.

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