

## 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.