

**What is the Law For?
Galatians 3:19-25**

V.19: The Law _____ sin but does not
_____ sin.

Note the parallels between the ministry of John the Baptist and the ministry of the Law. See John 1:6-7, 15-17, 19, 23, 29.

“Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist...” - Matthew 11:11 (Jesus speaking)

While neither the Law nor John the Baptist could
_____ anyone, we love both because they
_____ the One who could.

V.21: If the Law or any other religion could save us, then
the death of Jesus was _____,
and God the Father was unbearably _____
toward His only begotten Son.

V.24: Paul's point is that _____ by
_____ has always been God's plan.

Paul elaborates on the purpose of the Law in Romans 3:19-31

Our shared _____ under the Law and shared
_____ of salvation through Jesus destroy the
notions of superiority that undergird racism.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. - Psalm 19:7-9

The _____ need the Law, and the
_____ need the Cross.

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus... - Romans 8:1

The Law enables us to say,

O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? - Romans 7:24

The Cross enables us to say,

I thank God - through Jesus Christ our Lord!... - Romans 7:25