



## **Sabbath School Ministry**

Sabbath School Department Inter-European Division

*Outline with ideas for group discussion largely taken from the Teachers' Edition of the Sabbath School Lesson prepared by the General Conference SS ministry.*

**Lesson no.: 07**

**05 - 11 August 2017**

**Title:**

**The Road to Faith**

**Key texts:**

***Gal. 3:21-25; Lev. 18:5; Rom. 3:1-2, 9-19 & 8:1-4; 1 Cor. 9:20.***

### **A. Themes to Explore:**

1. Two texts about the law: Galatians and Leviticus say the opposite to each other, but behind them both is the same God....
2. The law neither saves nor justifies, it does not convert or change the nature of a person, but it educates, directs and protects.
3. We are under grace: for many this means that the law is no longer valid, but Paul does not say exactly that, we need to read the whole of his thinking: both the texts that place limits on the law and those that confirm it.

### **B. Learning Objectives\***

**Know:** Explain how the law, although not able to give life, protects us and leads us to Christ.

**Feel:** Instill love for the law, in that it instructs us with regards to the plan of salvation and provides the foundation for the Kingdom of God.

**Do:** Accept the authority that God has given the to the law and the fact that He can write it in our hearts.

### **C. Other possible questions for deeper study, debate, sharing and testimony\*\***

1. **Why is this lesson important to me? (Motivate);**
  - 1a. Why isn't the law "needed" for our salvation?
  - 1b. What does Paul mean when he says that the law doesn't bring anything to completion but is Holy, righteous and good?
2. **What else is there still to learn from God's Word? (Explore);**
  - 2a. Read Galatians 3:21. What does this text teach us about the role of the law and the harmony between law and grace?
  - 2b. Even though the law cannot contribute to the salvation of anyone what benefits are there in observing it?
3. **How can I practice what I've learned from God's Word? (Apply);**
  - 3a. How can one be scrupulous in keeping the law without falling into legalism and salvation by works?
4. **How can I communicate and apply what I've learned from God's Word? (Create).**
  - 4a. What steps need to be taken to enable us to live the law as something Holy, Righteous and Good (Rom. 7:12)?

### **NOTES:**

\* Copied from the Teachers Edition that adopts active, functional and sharing principles (Know, Feel, Do).

\*\* To compare and use together with the final questions found in the lesson study every Friday.

\*\*\* The questions in red are drawn from the Teachers Edition.