

## Scripture Reading

Galatians 3: 19 – 29 (NIV)

*What, then, was the purpose of the law? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was put into effect through angels by a mediator. A mediator, however, does not represent just one party; but God is one.*

*Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law. But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.*

*Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.*

*You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

### **Our Outreaches**

*We are still going out to Canada Way Care Centre / Harmony Court on the first Sunday of the month; and, we are still going out to Union Gospel Mission (Cordova Street site) on the third Saturday of the month. Come out to pray during the services or to sing or possibly share your testimony.*

## **“Thank God for the Law”**

*Galatians 3: 19 - 29*

*If the law cannot make us acceptable to God, why did He give it?*

### **I. To Sharpen Man's Conscience.**

*(v. 19) “...”*

### **II. To “Lock Us Up.”**

*(v. 23) “...”*

### **III. To Supervise (Escort) Us to Christ.**

*(v. 24) “...”*

### **Conclusion:**

*3 Results*

*1. (v. 26) \_\_\_\_\_*

*2. (v. 28) \_\_\_\_\_*

*3. (v. 29) \_\_\_\_\_*

# **NEW WESTMINSTER Evangelical Free Church**

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**“ Thank God ...**



**... For the Law.”**

### Our Mission

Our Church's purpose is to glorify God through worship, Bible study / prayer and fellowship, in order to make responsible disciples who will impact their world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

### Pastoral Care

*Pastor Ken Strom- Office Hours:*

*Wed 2:30PM – 6:30PM – Thur 9:AM-Noon*

# *Sunday Morning Worship Service*

*Sunday, February 21, 2010*

*Welcome to our service. Please be aware that people may use the sanctuary for prayer (before service).*

## **APPROACHING GOD IN WORSHIP**

### **Congregational Singing**

**Church Family in Prayer:** Jonathon shall pray for: the Jacobs, Gordon & Ruth Lande, and Jessie Lindstrom.

**Scripture Reading:** Galatians 3: 19 – 29

### **Worshiping with Our Tithes & Offerings**

**Pastoral Prayer:** Praying for Helen Ryttersgaard (Christian Academy in Japan).

## **LISTENING TO GOD IN HIS WORD**

*Message: Thank God for the Law.*

## **RESPONDING TO GOD IN OUR LIVES**

**Closing Hymn:** #329 “The Savior Is Waiting”

### **Benediction**

*After Service Fellowship & Refreshments  
(Visitors are very welcome)*

## **Looking Ahead**

### **Monday, Feb 22, 2010**

*English as a Second Language (ESL) classes in the evening from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.*

### **Wednesday, February 24, 2010**

*Second Half of our Annual Congregational Meeting for presentation of reports. Be at the church at 7:30 PM. Please pick up the Reports booklet and read the reports ahead of time! Also, see item below this one.*

### **Statement of Faith:**

*Please pick up your copy of our Evangelical Free Church of Canada Statement of Faith. We need to add this to our constitution.*

### **LPD Conference – March 12 – 13, 2010**

*This year's conference at Vancouver Chinese EFC with speaker Dr. John Auxier from Trinity Western Seminary. Brochures at the back foyer. Anyone can come. Official delegates can vote at the meeting on Saturday.*

### **Lent – February 17 to March 28, 2010.**

*Pastor Ken invites you to join him in seeking God during the 40 days before Easter, often called “Lent.” The purpose is not to earn favor with God, but to seek to align our hearts with His purposes. Fasting or giving something up does not earn favor. However, it does free up time to pray and helps one to focus.*

### **Donations of Coffee or Hot Chocolate**

*For the ministry of “More Than Gold” can be brought to the church or given to Caroline.*

### **Next Week's Tea Time Team Tandem**

**Winnie:** Michiko & Mitsugi; Ben & Aster; Michael & Judy; and, Alvaro  
& Any helpful volunteers are welcome!

## **PRAYER CHAIN**

*For most emergencies, phone Winnie @ (604) – 435-3031 She heads up an active prayer chain of people who will pray right away! We also have an e-mail address dedicated to receiving prayer requests. <[prayer@nwefc.org](mailto:prayer@nwefc.org)>.*

### **Prayer Requests**

- 1. Olympics:** 1) **Praise** God for answers to prayers- a) For reports of people opening up their lives to Jesus on the Sky Train. b) Funds and supplies have come in this week that will allow the Salvation Army and the Hospitality group led by Sharon Tidwell to replenish the 200,000 plus cups of coffee and hot chocolate given out over the first week. 2) On a spiritual level there are many challenges during an Olympics for the athletes. The Vanoc organizers have distributed 100,000 condoms in the Olympic Village. Partying after the competitions are over is the automatic step most athletes take. When you see a particular athlete on your TV screen, why not send up a prayer for them? **Pray also for chaplains who seek to speak into the lives of these elite athletes.** 3) Don't forget the poor! That scriptural exhortation is especially important as the poor are pushed out of their traditional areas and even further to the margins. Curfews are enforced by police to make sure that they are not seen or heard during the nightly revelries. **Pray for those who minister to the very poor in the downtown areas that they would know how to bring "Shalom" to them.**
- 2. Lord, let Pastor Ken/Akemi Sensei** have a discerning mind to prioritize the precious minutes in the day. Let my pastor discern what is most important and be guarded against the tyranny of the urgent (2 Cor. 11:14, 1 Jn. 4:1).
- 3. Thanks for continuing to pray for our church families.** Remember during this week to pray for - **Maju/Minu/Naomi, Gordon & Ruth Lande, Jessie.** As you use the 'revival' prayer guide, ask the Holy Spirit to help you to pray for them and their challenges, ask the Holy Spirit to help you to pray for them and their challenges.
- 4. We pray for the team of Financial Committee & team of tellers,** as they serve in this area of the ministry. Pray that God will shower them with discretion and wisdom in their areas.
- 5. NWEFC Prayer Ministry:** Please pray for God to burden & move the hearts of people in our congregation to pray and serve in leadership (prayer action team) in the NWEFC Prayer Ministry. If God is burdening you or want to find out what it involves, please speak to the pastor/prayer co-ordinator.