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Taking The Galatians to School Galatians 3:15-25

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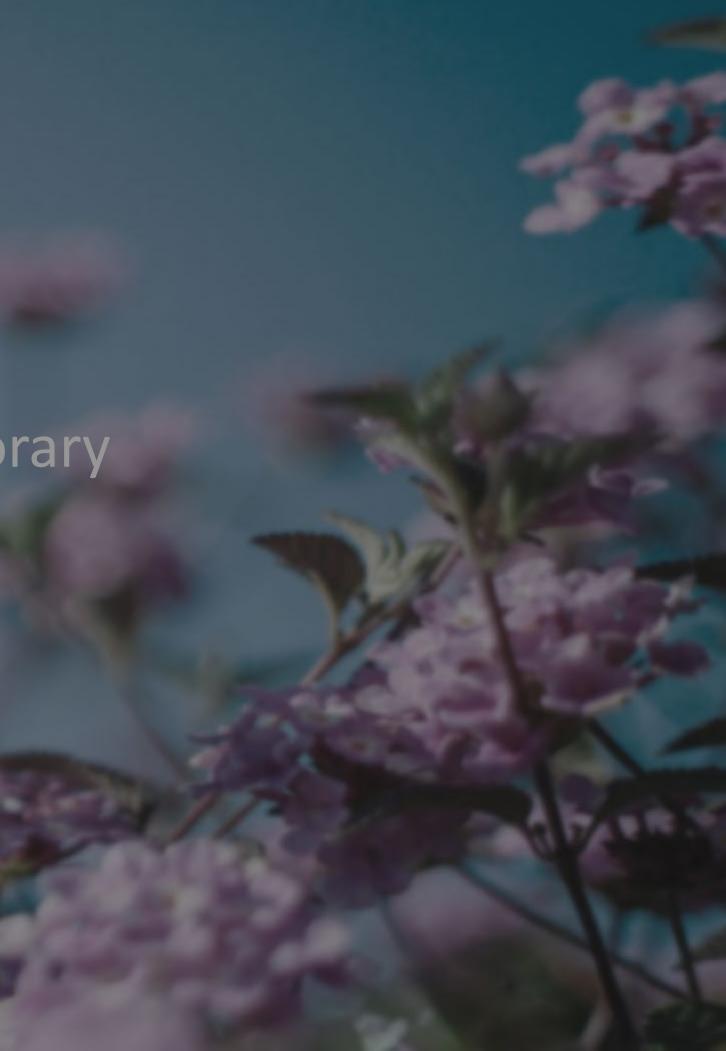
Romans 10:4

"For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes."

Hebrews 10:1

"For the Law, having a shadow of the good things to come and not the very image of the things, can never, with these same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect."

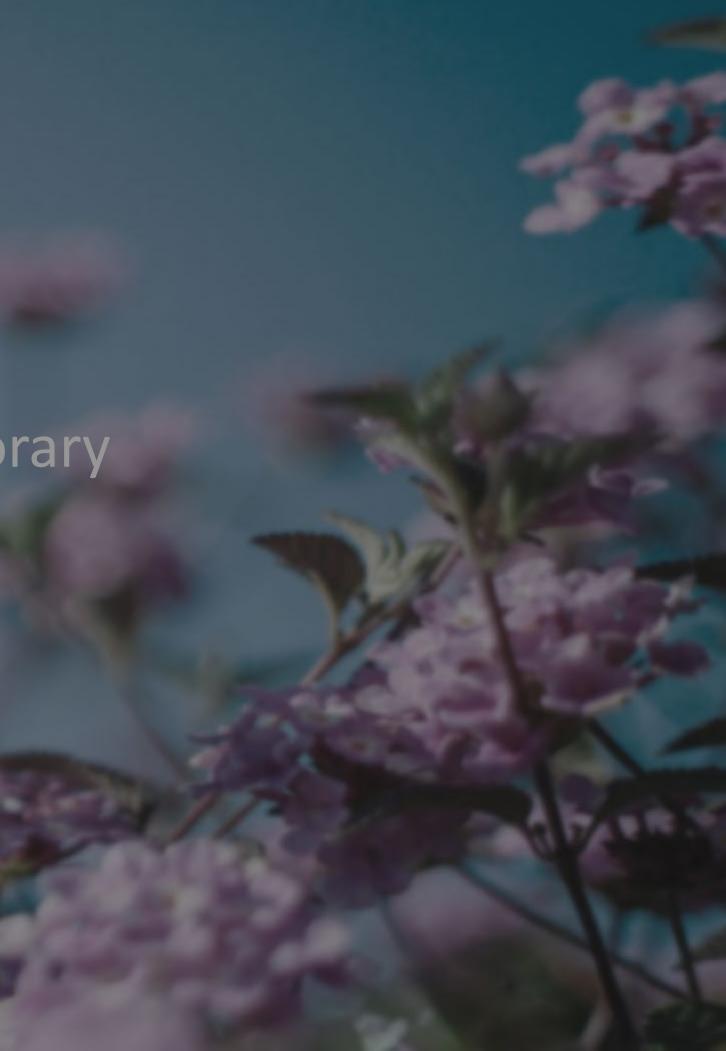
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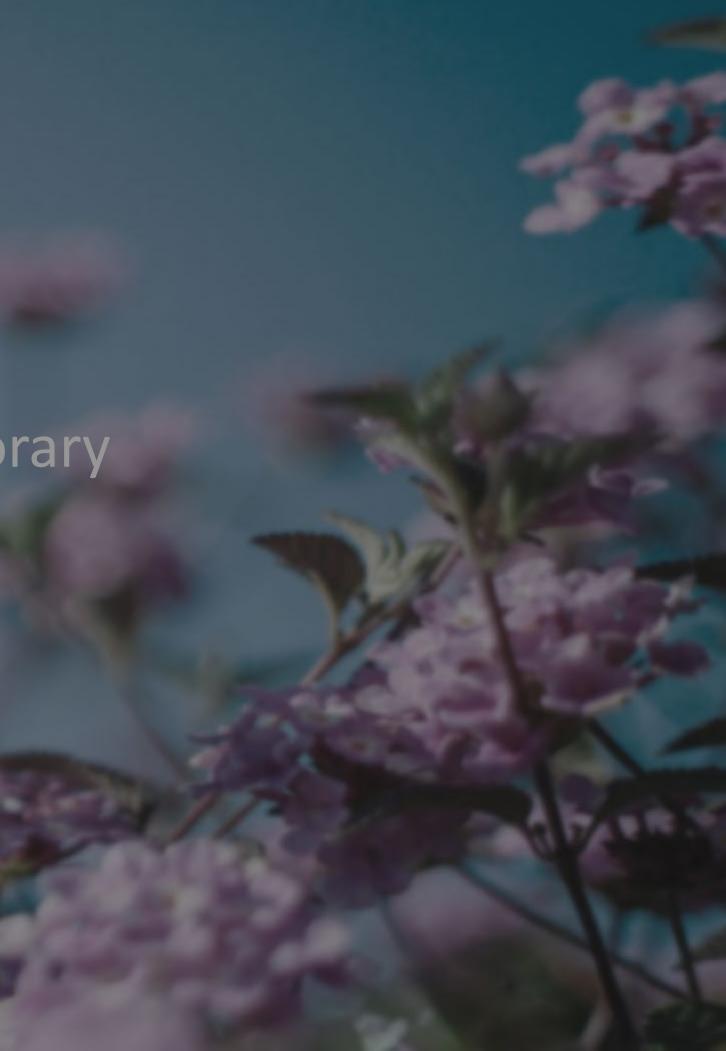
Romans 3:23-24

"For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His Grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

Taking The Galatians to School Romans 7:7-10

7"What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet." 8 But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. 9 I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. 10 And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death.."

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John 14:25,26

25"These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the ^[d]Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."

Romans 8:2

"2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death."