

## Galatians 3:23-29

Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and 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.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

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## Proverbs 1:1-9

The proverbs of Solomon son of David, king of Israel:

for gaining wisdom and instruction;  
for understanding words of insight;  
for receiving instruction in prudent behavior,  
doing what is right and just and fair;  
for giving prudence to those who are simple,  
knowledge and discretion to the young—  
let the wise listen and add to their learning,  
and let the discerning get guidance—  
for understanding proverbs and parables,  
the sayings and riddles of the wise.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,  
but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Listen, my son, to your father's instruction  
and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

They are a garland to grace your head  
and a chain to adorn your neck.

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**May the reading and the hearing of Your word inform  
our minds, comfort our souls and guide our feet.**

