

~TUTOR (90)

[Greek, *pai-da-go-gos*]

- The tutor of Bible times was generally, **not the actual teacher, but the one who accompanied the child to and from school and possibly in other activities as well.** He would turn the child over to the instructor.
- This continued from childhood to perhaps puberty or longer. He was to **keep the child from physical or moral harm.** So, too, the old French *tuteur* and Latin *tutor* mean, literally, a protector or guardian.
- However, the duties of the tutor also involved the matter of discipline, and he might be charged with instructing the child in matters of conduct. The tutors discipline could be severe, whether they were slaves or were paid tutors.
- Consequently the Law has become our **tutor** leading to Christ, that we might be declared righteous due to faith. (**Galatians 3:24**)
- But now that the faith has arrived, we are no longer under a **tutor.** (**Galatians 3:25**)
- Points out that the Law has become our **tutor**, Greek, *pai-da-go-gos*, literally **child leader** leading to Christ, that we might be declared righteous due to faith.
- But now that the faith has arrived, we are no longer under a **tutor.** The Law was strict. It revealed the Jews to be transgressors and condemned them.
- For all those who depend upon works of Law are under a curse, for it is written: Cursed is every one that does not continue in all the things written in the scroll of the Law in order to do them. (**Galatians 3:10**)
- Moreover, that by Law no one is declared righteous with God is evident, because the righteous one will live by reason of faith. (**Galatians 3:11**)
- Why, then, the Law? It was added to make transgressions

- manifest, until the seed should arrive to whom the promise had been made, and it was transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator. ([Galatians 3:19](#))
- **It, in effect, handed over the Jews who were properly disciplined to their Instructor, Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul says.**
 - **However, before the faith arrived, we were being guarded under law, being delivered up together **into custody**, looking to the faith that was destined to be revealed. ([Galatians 3:23](#))**
 - **The apostle Paul told the Corinthians,**
 - **I am writing these things, not to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children. ([1 Corinthians 4:14](#))**
 - **For though you may have ten thousand **tutors** in Christ, you certainly do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I have become your father through the Good News. ([1 Corinthians 4:15](#))**
 - **Paul had initially brought the message of life to Corinth and hence was like a father to the congregation of Christian believers there.**
 - **Though others might subsequently care for their interests, like **tutors** to whom children are entrusted, this did not change Paul's relationship to the Corinthians.**
 - **The **tutors**, such as Apollos, might have genuine interest in the congregation, but Paul's interest had an added factor because he experienced the labor of spiritual parenthood with them.**
 - **I fear for you, that somehow I have toiled to no purpose respecting you. ([Galatians 4:11](#))**
 - **My little children, with whom I am again in childbirth pains until Christ is formed in you. ([Galatians 4:19](#))**
 - **But I could wish to be present with you just now and to speak in a different way, because I am perplexed over you. ([Galatians 4:20](#))**

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