

The Blessed Life

P2 - Redeemed From The Curse of The Law

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GALATIANS 3:13-14

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"^[a]), ¹⁴ that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

GALATIANS 3:29

And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

We often here the fact that we are "redeemed by the Blood of Christ" but here we find more specifically what our redemption is from in more detail. To be redeemed means to be "free by a ransom price." We have been freed from the Curse of the Law.

Last week we found out that God blessed Adam from the moment of his creation and that the extent of the blessing was what God had spoken to Him, He was to be fruitful, multiply and have dominion or rulership. There was a condition to that blessing, in order to stay blessed he would have to be obedient to the command of God.

NUMBER 1. The Cause of the Curse.

- A. Adam lost the blessing because of disobedience and sin entered him and he died. Not physically but spiritually.

PROVERBS 26:2

Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, So a curse without cause shall not alight.

- B. Adam passed on his condition to his family. We all became guilty of disobedience. **ROMANS 3:23**, we lost the blessing, the Glory of God in our lives.

ROMANS 5:12-14

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— ¹³(For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those

who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

ROMANS 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

- C. That Glory was the presence and power of God that empowered us to do and be all that God created us for.
- D. The Curse of disobedience. **GENESIS 3:17-19**, which Adam brought on himself, life would now be hard and finally end in physical death (return to dust). All the evil that would now come on man was not a punishment, but a result and it would be caused by the Serpent who tempted Eve.

GENESIS 3:17-19

Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life. ¹⁸Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. ¹⁹In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you *are*, And to dust you shall return."

- E. OBEDIENCE IS HONOR. Satan was jealous of the honor and wanted it for himself. **EPHESIANS 6:1-2**; God is our Father, **MALACHI 1:6**. When we sin willfully, satan is getting the honor, **ROMANS 6:16**, He has our obedience, **JOHN 8:44**, he is getting the fathers honor.

EPHESIANS 6:1-2

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²"Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:

MALACHI 1:6

"A son honors *his* father, And a servant *his* master. If then I am the Father, Where *is* My honor? And if I *am* a Master, Where *is* My reverence? Says the Lord of hosts To you priests who despise My name. Yet you say, 'In what way have we despised Your name?'

ROMANS 6:16

Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness?

JOHN 8:44

You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.

- F. The Curse is how satan rules his servants.
- G. God didn't commission it but He permitted it, because he warned man who choose it.

MATTHEW 13:24-30

Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. ²⁶ But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. ²⁷ So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' ²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' ²⁹ But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.'""

NUMBER 2. Death Reigned.

- A. Nothing could stop the curse on mankind. But God instituted a plan to restore blessing to man with the Law of Moses.

ROMANS 5:14

Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

- B. The Law refers to the Pentateuch containing the Commands and Priesthood. With the Law God explains what sin is specifically (generally it is disobedience, but the 10 Commandments give us some specificity. It gives us a target for obeying God and receiving His Blessing again, now we know what to obey. God called Abraham and gave Him the promise of blessing and raising up the Hebrew nation through which Christ would come.

GALATIANS 3:27-28

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

- C. When Israel sinned they could bring an offering of animal blood to cover their sin and the priest would offer it on their behalf. Now their sin was covered and God could bless them. The blood of animals symbolized the sacrifice that it requires to take away the penalty of sin.
- D. **DEUTERONOMY 28:1-14; 15-62** explains what they could expect. But they still remained sinners by nature. God had a better plan that would fully restore The Blessing to mankind.

NUMBER 3. Christ has redeemed us.

- A. Jesus came to get back what Adam lost. He did it by fully obeying His Father.

ROMANS 5:19

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

- B. He lived a sinless life of obedience. **PHILIPPIANS 2:8**, ultimate act of obedience was His sacrificial death for us all and regained the Blessing for us all.

HEBREWS 4:15

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin.

PHILIPPIANS 2:8

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross.

- C. When He hung of the cross, he consumed all the curse for mankind disobedience. We have accepted Christ and been born again His Righteousness is God's gift to us. The reward of His obedience is given to us all. We now are free from the curse of the broken law and the blessing of God is ours once again as His Children. **GALATIANS 3:29**, if you are "in christ" you are the heir of all those blessings we read about, and none of the curse belongs to you.

GALATIANS 3:29

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THE BLESSING IS CHRIST'S BECAUSE HE IS THE ONE WHO OBEYED. WE SHARE

THE BLESSING BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN BORN AGAIN AND ARE CHRIST'S.

D. You must understand this and accept it by faith.

PSALM 107:2

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

E. All that Christ did on earth He did because of the Blessing that was upon Him, He walked in fullness of the blessing that Adam lost.

ROMANS 15:29

But I know that when I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

NUMBER 4. Now we can live obediently and Honor God our Father because we have been given life again.

A. Adam died spiritually, we have been "born again", made alive spiritually by God and restored with His power and Presence in our lives so we can live again as His blessed Children.

EPHESIANS 2:1-3

And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ²in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

NUMBER 5. How To Stay Blessed.

A. Learn to live in the Love of God.

JOHN 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

JUDE 1:20-21

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

ROMANS 13:10

Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love *is* the fulfillment of the law.

Next week, How To Walk In Love, When we walk in Love, our faith works high because our conscience does not condemn us.