

FINANCIAL FREEDOM IN CHRIST

EXPERIENCE GOD'S ABUNDANCE OF GRACE IN YOUR FINANCES

Week 1

Because of Jesus

Romans 5:17: For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! NIV

Reign means: to rule as a king; to exercise authority; to decree a thing and it is established

Our Part in reigning in life as a king: RECEIVE GOD'S ABUNDANT PROVISION OF GRACE & HIS FREE GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Receive comes from the Greek word Lambano-

- To make one's own
- Of that which when taken is not let go; **to seize; to lay hold of**
- Take possession of; to appropriate to one's self
- To receive what is offered
- To not refuse or reject

There are Two ways to live: by the law or by Grace = Two different results

The Perception of lack comes from living under the Law. The law produces either pride or condemnation-it's a focus on self that produces thoughts like "what am I doing wrong?" "What do I need to do?" It's depending on your limited ability and resources instead of God's unlimited, superabundant grace in and towards you through Jesus.

The Law VS Grace

The terms of the Law (Old Covenant):

Deuteronomy 6:24-25 NLT

²⁴ And the LORD our God commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear him so he can continue to bless us and preserve our lives, as he has done to this day. ²⁵ For we will be counted as righteous when we obey all the commands the LORD our God has given us.'

- Under the law you became righteous through your obedience to God's commands
- No one ever became righteous by doing what the law commands, that's why we all need Jesus (Romans 3:20)

Deuteronomy 28: 1-3, 6, 8-13: Blessings for Obedience:

The word blessed means: “anointed and empowered to prosper.”

¹ If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. ² All these blessings will come on you and overtake you if you obey the LORD your God: ³ You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.

⁶ You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out. ⁸ The LORD will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The LORD your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.

⁹ The LORD will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the LORD your God and walk in obedience to him. ¹⁰ Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will fear you.

¹¹ The LORD will grant you abundant prosperity—in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground—in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you. ¹² The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none.

¹³ The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom.

- Under the Old Covenant, you must qualify yourself for the blessing of God by obeying ALL of His commands
- Everyone failed to keep his commands, so everyone was disqualified for his blessings and fell under the curse (Romans 3:23)

Curses for Disobedience: Deuteronomy 28:15,16,19,20,29, 38,43,44,48,66

¹⁵ However, if you do not obey the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come on you and overtake you: ¹⁶ You will be cursed in the city and cursed in the country.

¹⁹ You will be cursed when you come in and cursed when you go out. ²⁰ The LORD will send on you curses, confusion and rebuke in everything you put your hand to, until you are destroyed

²⁹ You will be unsuccessful in everything you do; day after day you will be oppressed and robbed, with no one to rescue you.

38 You will sow much seed in the field but you will harvest little, because locusts will devour it.

43 The foreigners who reside among you will rise above you higher and higher, but you will sink lower and lower. 44 They will lend to you, but you will not lend to them. They will be the head, but you will be the tail.

48 You will be left hungry, thirsty, naked, and lacking in everything. NLT

66 Your life shall hang in doubt before you; day and night you shall be worried, and have no assurance of your life. AMP

Deuteronomy 29:1 These are the terms of the covenant the LORD commanded Moses to make with the Israelites

The Curse of the Law:

- Confusion
- Failure; unsuccessful in everything you do
- work hard and harvest little
- bondage to debt
- Bottom of society
- Poverty; lacking in everything
- Your life will hang in doubt; day and night you'll be worried; no assurance that you'll be taken care of

The command of the Old Covenant: Malachi 3:8-10 AMP

8 Will a man rob or defraud God? Yet you rob and defraud Me. But you say, In what way do we rob or defraud You? [You have withheld your] tithes and offerings. 9 You are cursed with the curse, for you are robbing Me, even this whole nation.

10 Bring all the tithes (the whole tenth of your income) into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now by it, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. AMP

Under the law: The 5 steps to being righteous and qualifying yourself for the abundant blessings of God in your finances

1. Tithe
2. Offerings
3. Confession
4. Thanksgiving
5. Be a good steward

If you do these 5 things, then you qualify for God's blessing, if you don't, you are disqualified: Where is Jesus in this way of being blessed?

The terms of the Law: Obey = blessed; disobey = cursed

A New Way of being made righteous and abundantly blessed = Trusting Jesus

You are qualified because of Jesus!

Let's look at the difference between the Law (Old Covenant) and Faith in Christ (New Covenant)

Galatians 3:1-14 NLT

1 Oh, foolish Galatians! Who has cast an evil spell on you? For the meaning of Jesus Christ's death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of his death on the cross. ²Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by obeying the law of Moses? Of course not! You received the Spirit because you believed the message you heard about Christ.

³How foolish can you be? After starting your Christian lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? ⁴Have you experienced so much for nothing? Surely it was not in vain, was it?

⁵I ask you again, does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because you obey the law? Of course not! It is because you believe the message you heard about Christ.⁶**In the same way, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith."**⁷**The real children of Abraham, then, are those who put their faith in God.**

⁸What's more, the Scriptures looked forward to this time when God would declare the Gentiles to be righteous because of their faith. God proclaimed this good news to Abraham long ago when he said, "All nations will be blessed through you."⁹So all who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith.

¹⁰And all who depend on the Law [who are seeking to be justified by obedience to the Law] are under a curse and doomed to disappointment and destruction, for it is written in the

Scriptures, Cursed be everyone who does not continue to abide by all the precepts and commands written in the Book of the Law and to practice them.

¹¹ So it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.” ¹² This way of faith is very different from the way of law, which says, “It is through obeying the law that a person has life.”^l

¹³ Christ purchased our freedom from the curse of the Law [and its condemnation] by [Himself] becoming a curse for us, for it is written [in the Scriptures], Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree. AMPC ¹⁴ Through Christ Jesus, God has blessed the Gentiles with the same blessing he promised to Abraham, so that we who are believers might receive the promised Holy Spirit through faith. NLT

What is the blessing God promised Abraham? (Galatians 3:6) Righteousness by faith- which qualifies you for all of God’s blessings

The Promised Holy Spirit: Galatians 5:22-23 AMP

²²But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³Gentleness, self-control Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge].

- When you receive the gift of Righteousness, the Holy Spirit brings forth the fruit of love, generosity, thankfulness, faithfulness, and self-control in your life. What the law required, the Spirit of grace abundantly produces in you through your faith in Jesus!

The terms of the New Covenant of Grace:

- If you rely on yourself (the law) to qualify you for God’s blessing, you put yourself under the curse and are doomed to disappointment: Galatians 3:10
- Jesus purchased your freedom from the curse of the law: confusion, poverty, lack, bondage to debt, worry, and fear in your finances: Galatians 3:13
- Trust and rely upon Jesus and receive His grace and free gift of righteousness. You qualify for God’s abundant blessing on your finances because of Jesus! The promised Holy Spirit will produce righteous fruit in your life. Galatians 3:14

Because of Jesus, I am redeemed from the curse of confusion, failure, lack, bondage to debt, fear and worry concerning my finances. Because of Jesus, I am righteous and qualified for His abundant blessings upon my finances. I am anointed and empowered to prosper because of Jesus!