



## 50 Reasons Why Jesus Came to Die

### Part 6

#### 28. To free us from the futility of our ancestry

- What does it mean that our ancestry or bloodlines are futile?



#### **Your bloodlines determine who you will be and that's not necessarily good**

##### (1) You will look like your parents

- Not really a biblical point, simply look around the room. Can you see the resemblance of the children to their parents?

##### (2) You will act like your parents

- You ever catch yourself acting like your parents on accident? Ever have anybody say to you, you are just like your Dad or Mom? Of course you have. The real question is, were you doing it on purpose? Usually not.

##### (3) You inherit their diseases

- If you are seeing a particular doctor for the first time, you will have to fill out a medical questionnaire. As much as half of this questionnaire will be answering questions like...“Do you have a family history of \_\_\_\_\_?” Why? Why do they care about the diseases that your family has had? Because from this information they discover what diseases you have a genetic predisposition to.

##### (4) You were born a sinner, will be a sinner, and will die a sinners death

- ❖ Psalm 51:5--*Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.*
- ❖ Psalm 58:3--*The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray from birth, speaking lies.*
- ❖ Romans 5:12--*Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—*
- ❖ Romans 3:23--*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*
- ❖ Romans 6:23--*For the wages of sin is death,*
- This is what our bloodlines get us. This is our ancestral inheritance. Which is why Jesus says...
  - ❖ John 6:63--*It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all.*
- This is why it is incredibly good news that...



#### **Jesus came and died to free us from the futility of our bloodlines**

- ❖ 1 Peter 1:18-19--*...you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.*
  - With your own bloodlines you are born in sin, through the blood of the Lamb you are born again
    - ❖ 1 John 5:1--*Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God,*
  - With your own bloodlines you are enslaved to sin, through the blood of the Lamb you are free to serve Jesus
    - ❖ Galatians 5:1--*1 For freedom Christ has set us free;*



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- ❖ Romans 6:17-18--*But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.*
- ❖ Romans 6:22--*But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God...*
- With your own bloodlines you will die in sin and spend eternity in Hell, through the blood of the Lamb you will die a saint and spend eternity delighting in the presence of our glorious God
- ❖ Romans 6:22--*But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.*

### 29-30. To deliver us from the slavery of sin and free us to live for righteousness

#### What does it mean that we were freed from the slavery of sin?

- We have already discussed the reality that Jesus died to absorb the wrath of God for us. We know that Jesus died and rose again that we would be declared righteous by the Father. If this was all that Jesus did He would be worthy of eternal Glory and worship just the same yet there is more. Jesus doesn't just die for our *justification*, He died also for our *sanctification*. He didn't just die that all would work out for us when we die, He died to break the power of sin over us NOW and free us to live for righteousness.

#### Being enslaved to sin means total inability to live righteously

- We know very well that no one lives righteously before God. We are so familiar with passages like...
  - ❖ Romans 3:10-12--*None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.*
  - ❖ Romans 3:23--*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*
- It is important for us to understand, it isn't simply that people *won't* live righteously. It's that they *can't* live righteously. This is what it means to be a slave to sin. So when we read passages like...
  - ❖ Ephesians 2:1-3--*And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.*
  - ❖ Titus 3:3--*For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.*
- We understand that we were that way because of the truth that...
  - ❖ Romans 8:7-8--*For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

#### We need freedom

- We don't simply need Jesus to be a good example for us as to how we ought to live, we need Him to break the power of sin. We need Him to free us from the bondage of sin. The good news is that Jesus came and died to do that very thing.



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- ❖ Galatians 5:1--*For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.*
- ❖ John 8:36--*So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*



#### How does Jesus' death bring us freedom?

- As Jesus died on the cross for our sins, the slave that we once were died with Him.
- ❖ Galatians 2:20--*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.*
- ❖ 2 Corinthians 5:17--*if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*
- ❖ Romans 6:6--*We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.*
- I love that it is described this way. In saying that the slave that we once were dies. There is a deep sense of totality and finality in describing it this way. You are not just a slave enjoying some freedom. The slave you once were is DEAD! It has been crucified with Christ! You are a new you. You are a new creation!



#### What is this *new creation*?

- Does this mean we won't sin anymore? No. You and I know all too well that that isn't the case. The *new creation* is a soul who is now free and able to live righteously. The slave that you once were was, in the words of Augustine, *non posse non peccare* (unable not to sin). The new creation that you now are is *posse non peccare* (able to not sin). It's like the genie at the end of Aladdin. He can still grant wishes if he chooses to, but he no longer has to. The lamp owner is no longer his master. We can still sin if we choose to, but we no longer have to. Sin is no longer our master because Jesus came and died. This glorious truth is why the apostle Paul says...
- ❖ Romans 6:2-4--*How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*
- Thus, The new creation is one that runs wild with righteousness. The new creation is one who is thrilled to be able to live righteously. The new creation is still able to sin and will sin from time to time. However, the creation is one who is characterized as one who now delights in and walks in righteousness because of the work of Christ.

### 31. That we would die to the law and bear fruit for God



- ❖ Romans 7:4--*Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.*



#### We were once under the law

- If we have died to the law, the obvious implication here is that we were once alive to the law. So what does that mean? To be alive to the law is to be under it or subject to it. This is clearly seen the book of Romans...



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- ❖ Romans 3:19--*Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.*



#### The blessing of the law

##### (1) The law was a witness to Jesus

- ❖ Romans 3:21--*But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—*

##### (2) The law was a guardian and teacher

- ❖ Galatians 3:24--*...the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.*
- ❖ Psalm 119:97-104--*97 Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. 98 Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me. 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. 100 I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts. 101 I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. 102 I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me. 103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! 104 Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.*

##### (3) The law is holy

- ❖ Romans 7:12--*So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.*



#### The curse of the law

##### (1) The law cannot save

- ❖ Galatians 3:11--*Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law,*
- ❖ Romans 3:27--*Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.*

##### (2) The law demands unattainable perfection

- ❖ Galatians 3:10-11--*For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them. Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law,*
- ❖ James 2:10--*For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.*

##### (3) The law brings death

- ❖ 2 Corinthians 3:6--*For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.*
- ❖ Romans 4:15--*the law brings wrath*

##### (4) The law is a constant reminder of our wickedness

- ❖ Galatians 3:19--*Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions,*
- ❖ Romans 6:20--*Now the law came in to increase the trespass,*



#### We died to the law

- There is only one way out of the law. If someone wishes to be out from under the curse of a law that cannot save, demands unattainable perfection, brings death, and constantly reminds them of their wickedness, they must die. This is why the apostle Paul says...
  - ❖ Romans 7:1--*the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives?*



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- Thus it is good news that...
  - ❖ Romans 7:4--*Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.*



### Now we belong to Jesus

(1) The law could not save, Jesus saves to the uttermost

- ❖ Hebrews 7:25--*Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him,*

(2) The law demanded unattainable perfection, In Jesus we simply abide in Him and bear good fruit.

- ❖ John 15:5--*I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*

- ❖ Romans 7:4--*Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.*

(3) The law brought death, Jesus gives life

- ❖ John 10:10--*I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

- ❖ Romans 6:23--*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

- ❖ Ephesians 2:4-5--*But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—*

(4) The law was a constant reminder of our wickedness, In Jesus we being made holy

- ❖ Hebrews 13:12--*So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.*

- ❖ 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24--*Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.*