

“Set Free From The Curse”

Galatians 3:10-14

Sermon Series: “Set Free To Live Free”

Main Idea: In Christ, we are blessed and not cursed.

1. We are under the curse of the Law if we are trying to make ourselves right with God by keeping the Law (v. 10-12).

A. What is a curse? It is a judgment from God (Genesis 3, Deuteronomy 27-28). It is not man-made or Satanic. It is not passed down from our ancestors (Exodus 20:4-6, Ezekiel 18:1-4, 2 Chronicles 25:1-4). We are affected by our upbringing and genetics but not determined or controlled by it.

B. Everybody is cursed apart from Jesus because everybody is a sinner (John 3:36).

C. We are cursed if we are trying to make ourselves right with God by keeping the law because the only way to do this is by perfectly obeying the law, which we all fail to do. Our obedience does not cover our disobedience.

D. The purpose of the law is to show us we are sinners who cannot save ourselves and need Jesus to save us. It was not given to save us (v. 19-25).

E. The Bible is crystal clear that the righteous live by faith (Habakkuk 2:4).

2. We are redeemed from the curse of the Law by Jesus becoming a curse for us on the cross (v. 13). Like we saw last week, Jesus was our substitute on the cross. He became “a curse for us,” and “for” means “in our place.” God’s judgment, His righteous wrath, was poured out on Jesus on the cross (1 John 2:2, Psalm 22:1). The perfect Son of God became sin for us (2 Corinthians 5:21) and took the curse of our sin upon Himself so we can be

forgiven, redeemed (which means bought back), set free, and blessed. So, we are not saved by our obedience but by Jesus’s perfect obedience and substitutionary death. He did not earn a curse but took the one we earned upon Himself.

3. We are blessed in Christ (v. 14). The blessing of Abraham is the fact that we are declared righteous (justified) by Jesus (v. 6-9, 15-16) so we receive all the promised blessings of the Messiah as they are applied to our life through the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Conclusion: In order to have a relationship with God, we have to stop trusting in our own efforts to keep the law and/or doing things to make ourselves right with God, and trust Jesus alone for our salvation (Romans 10:4-13). For those of us who know Jesus, let’s live out of the conviction that we are blessed and not cursed. We still live in a cursed world so we are going to experience some difficult circumstances, but we are still “blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 1:3). Difficult circumstances are not a curse. Stop believing in the unbiblical idea of generational curses. Guilt does not transfer generationally. We are affected by our family lineage, but not controlled by it. We are free in Christ. **We can’t be cursed because Jesus took our curse upon Himself. We are blessed. Won’t our lives and our world be different if we live like we believe this?**