

The Curse Of The Law

Galatians 3:10-14

Intro:

- A. What is law?
 - 1. An attempt to regulate man's behavior.
 - 2. Its power is in its ability to punish the offender.
- B. The Law of Moses.
 - 1. To teach and to regulate.
 - 2. Those who broke it were to be punished.
 - 3. The commandments carried a death sentence.
 - 4. It was never a blessing but was always and to every one a curse.

I. The Law Is A Curse. Vs. 10

- A. **"For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse:**
 - 1. "Works" = εργον = "deed, product of the law".
 - 2. "Curse" = καταρα = "imprecation against".
 - 3. What was (is) the product of law-keeping? One puts oneself under it and in so doing is not made righteous but guilty and subject to its penalty or curse.
- B. **"...for it is written, cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the law to do them."**
 - 1. "Written" = γεγραπται = Pref. Pass. Ind, "it stands written", "The perf. indicates that the authority of the document is binding."
 - 2. "Cursed" = επικαταρατος = "doomed to punishment".
 - 3. "He that believeth not is condemned", Why? Because "all have sinned and come short".
 - 4. "Continueth not" = εμμενει = Pres. Ind. Active, "to remain in", "to continue in", There must be continual and unbroken observance of all of the Law.
 - 5. **James 2:10**
 - 6. All of the law written in the book!

II. The Law Justifies No Man. Vs. 11

- A. Vs. 11 **"But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident..."**
 - 1. "Justified" = δικαιωω = "to set forth as righteous as a judicial act".

2. "Sight of" = παρα = "with", "beside and at".
3. "Evident" = δηλον = "clear", "obvious".

- B. **"...for, the just shall live by faith."**
1. "Just" = δικαιος = "those who have right standing".
 2. "Live" = ζω = "to have life".
 3. We are made alive by faith. We "live" in this life by faith. We work by faith. We die by faith.

III. The Law Is Not Of Faith.

- A. **Vs. 12 "And the law is not of faith:"**
1. "...and the law has nothing to do with faith..."
 2. "The law, however, does not rest on faith."
- B. **"...but, the man that doeth them shall live in them."**
1. "Doeth" = ποιω = "What one does repeatedly".
 2. The law and keeping the law do not require faith but obedience.

IV. Christ Redeemed Us From The Law's Curse.

- A. **Vs. 13 "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law,"**
1. "Redeemed" = εξαγορζω = "to buy out of the market place", "to ransom from slavery". "To purchase of acquire for one's own self".
 2. "Curse" = καταρα = "under the judgment".
- B. **"...being made a curse for us:"**
1. "Being made" = γινομαι = "becoming".
 2. How did He redeem us from the curse? By becoming a curse, by accepting its penalty.
 3. Christ had no sin but He fulfilled the words of Isa. 53:6, "...and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Vs. 10 "...thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin." Vs.12 "...he hath poured out his soul unto death ... he bare the sin of many ..."
 4. II Cor. 5:21 "For he hath made him sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."
 5. I Peter 2:21-25
- C. **"...for it is written, cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree."**
1. "It is written" = γεγραπται = "it has been written".
 2. "Hangeth" = According to Deut. 21:33 this is not death by crucifixion. The Jews, (Law) did not use

it as a mode of capital punishment. It has reference to the custom of nailing the body of an executed person to a post or tree. Jesus was indeed, hanged on a tree. WHY?

- D. **Vs. 14 "That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ..."**
1. Jesus Christ is the person through whom the Gentiles would receive the blessing promised to them in Abraham.
 2. This blessing is received by faith and not by obedience to the law.
- E. **"...that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."**
1. "...so that we, through faith, might receive the promised work of the Spirit.
 2. This is the work spoken of in the first five verses of chapter three. The working of His Spirit to complete the work began in us by His Spirit.

