

FREEDOM

IN CHRIST



Life lesson in the book of Galatians

GALATIANS 3:10-14

10 All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.”

11 Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, “The righteous will live by faith.” **12** The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, “The man who does these things will live by them.”

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.”

14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Galatians 3:10-14



What is the Law?

11 "This command I am giving you today is not too difficult for you, and it is not beyond your reach.

12 It is not kept in heaven, so distant that you must ask, 'Who will go up to heaven and bring it down so we can hear it and obey?' **13** It is not kept beyond the sea, so far away that you must ask, 'Who will cross the sea to bring it to us so we can hear it and obey?'

14 No, the message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart so that you can obey it. **15** “Now listen! Today I am giving you a choice between life and death, between prosperity and disaster. **16** For I command you this day to love the Lord your God and to keep his commands, decrees, and regulations by walking in his ways.

If you do this, you will live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you and the land you are about to enter and occupy.

17 But if your heart turns away and you refuse to listen, and if you are drawn away to serve and worship other gods,^{**18**} then I warn you now that you will certainly be destroyed.

You will not live a long, good life in the land you are crossing the Jordan to occupy. ¹⁹ “Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses.”

Deuteronomy 30:11–19 (NLT)

*The Law - Instructions for
a relationship with God*

“In the Bible, law is never abstract. Law is always covenantal and, therefore, relational... The law of God is never given just to be obeyed. The law of God always forms the stipulations, the basis of a relationship.

That's the reason there are curses and blessings. The curses are always the loss of relationship. The blessing is always the intimacy of relationship."



Tim Keller



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7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? **8** Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

9 And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

Matthew 3:7-9

The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say “and to seeds,” meaning many people, but “and to your seed,” meaning one person, who is Christ.

Galatians 3:16



*What does Paul mean by
curse?*

“It represents a condition of alienation from God, caused by violation of his law, with all the penalty which accrues from it, either in this life or the next.”

Vincent, M. R. *Word studies in the New Testament*

26 See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse — **27** the blessing if you obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today; **28** the curse if you disobey the commands of the Lord your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.

Deuteronomy 11:26–28



The Law points us to Christ

**So the law was our guardian until Christ
came that we might be justified by faith.**

Galatians 3:24

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No one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

Romans 3:20



*Faith is what identifies
the people of God*

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**Do not think that I have come to
abolish the Law or the Prophets;
I have not come to abolish them but to
fulfill them.**

Matthew 5:17



1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, **2** because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

3 For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.

**And so he condemned sin in the flesh,
4 in order that the righteous requirement
of the law might be fully met in us, who do
not live according to the flesh but
according to the Spirit.**

Romans 8:1-4



Communion

Remembering His sacrifice.

