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Galatians

Lesson 27- Cursed is everyone!

Galatians 3:10-14, *For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.”¹¹ But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for “the just shall live by faith.”¹² Yet the law is not of faith, but “the man who does them shall live by them.”¹³ Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”),¹⁴ that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

Jeremiah 17:16-17, *Lord, I have not abandoned my job as a shepherd for your people. I have not urged you to send disaster. You have heard everything I’ve said. ¹⁷ Lord, don’t terrorize me! You alone are my hope in the day of disaster. (NLT)*

God had no pleasure in the death of the wicked, neither does our Lord.

Jesus pronounced a curse on Jerusalem and said it would be destroyed, and then wept.

Because God is holy and just, He must punish sin and that is why the curse exists!

There are two curses in this passage.

V10, *For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."*

1. The divine curse on all men.
2. The divine curse on one man.

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The whole human race is cursed.

Why?

Because they are under the works of the law.

They have the lifetime obligation to obey God, as Israel did. Israel couldn't fulfil it. They needed to repent and trust God for righteousness like Abraham.

What happened?

People go the way of works.

Under the law, they think if they keep some of the law some of the time and do some good things to some minimal or nominal degree that that's enough to satisfy God.

The whole world is of the works of the law. The whole world is basically required to obey the law of God, the whole world.

The problem is they can't. They sin, they die, and they're cursed. It gets compounded because religion says, "You can do good works and please God,"

So, they believe false religion, and they are double-cursed!

First, they are cursed!

Cursed already because of the universality of sin and corruption, and the inability to obey the law of God, which leaves them under the curse.

Second, doubly cursed,

They then follow a religion that says they can do works, and God will accept those works as all that's required.

- moral works,
- religious works,
- sacraments,
- many like these

That is not possible, so they are doubly cursed.

It is particularly deadly when people want to add works to the gospel.

Now the churches in Galatia instead of saying, “Salvation is by faith alone,” which is Paul’s message in which the churches were found. There are people who want to say, “Salvation is certainly by faith in Christ, believing in Him, His death and resurrection, plus works!”

Third, triple curse,

Galatians 1:6, *I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,*

That’s a false gospel, and anybody who believes and preaches that false gospel is cursed.

Anyone preaches such Gospel are cursed.

So, the curse is even more profound.

- ✓ Universally cursed, because we can’t keep the law of God,
 - ✓ Doubly cursed, because we believe that our works can gain us salvation, and
 - ✓ Triple curse is, we propagate that false message, as a true form of religion.
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- ❖ Anyone who believes that works are necessary for salvation has bought into a cursed gospel.

- ❖ Anyone who preaches a cursed gospel and the people who are believing it and preaching it are themselves cursed.
- ❖ Cursed by their sin, doubly cursed by their works system, triply cursed by preaching it.

The Galatians had become bewitched, and they were true believers which was our last lesson. They were falsely leading towards that works were necessary. Even though they hadn't believed that, they had believed correctly and been saved, they were allowing for an accursed heresy. So, Paul is colliding with them head-on in chapters 3 and 4 of Galatians.

Jews had come into the Galatian region and told these believers, "Yes, we believe in Jesus, we believe in His death and resurrection. But it's not enough to believe in Him. You have to have works and good deeds."

Paul is so exercised by this, that he writes this epistle to the Galatians; and in 3 and 4.

Paul addresses salvation by faith alone.

Paul explains

- salvation,
- forgiveness,
- kingdom citizenship,
- eternal heaven

Paul uses Abraham as an example saying that *“Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.”* (Galatians 3:6)

His believing was all God asked, and God granted Him his own righteousness. He goes back to the Old Testament, **Genesis 15:6**.

Galatians 3:10, *“As many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written,”*

Paul quotes from Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 27:26, *‘Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them.’*

You are all cursed if you don’t keep it all.

You mean all of it all the time?

YES! All of it all the time.

Matthew 5:48, *Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.*

James 2:10, *For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.*

So, if you are operating, according to verse 10, in the scope of the works of the law, and you ever violate one law one time then you are cursed!

That's the testimony of **Deuteronomy 27:26**, "*You're cursed.*"

Jewish leaders thought they were the spiritual people, they were the righteous people.

Paul tells them "You are not only cursed because of universal sin, you are cursed because you believe in works, and you are cursed beyond that for propagating a cursed message."

Romans 4:15, *because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression.*

If you want to live by the law, you will only know the wrath of God now and forever.

V11, *But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith."*

Scripture says that Cursed is everyone.

No one is justified by the Law before God, again, because of what Scripture says.

"The righteous man shall live by faith." this taken out of the prophet Habakkuk 2:4, "The righteous man shall live by faith."

So in verse 6, he quoted Genesis 15:6. In verse 10, he quoted Deuteronomy 27:26. In verse 11, he quotes Habakkuk 2:4, "The Someone might say, "Well, faith and works go together. I mean,

they are kind of partners, or they are kind of twins or like both sides of a coin.”

No.

V 12, *Yet the law is not of faith, but “the man who does them shall live by them.”*

“the Law is not of faith.”

They’re mutually exclusive.

They are two realities that are not compatible.

Romans 4:14, *For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect,*

says, “As soon as you introduce works, you void faith,” Romans chapter 4, verse 14. “As soon as you introduce works into salvation, you void faith.

They are mutually exclusive.

On the contrary, “He who practices them shall live by them.”

That is taken from Leviticus.

Leviticus 18:5, *You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.*

“You want to live by the Law, then you must keep it,” that’s what that’s saying. “He who practices them shall live by them. That is the religion of works, morality, goodness, ceremony etc.

Then you have to live by them, and you have to be perfect.

So, Paul refers to,

- Genesis,
- Deuteronomy,
- Habakkuk, and
- Leviticus.

Paul summed it up all these in Romans.

Romans 3:20, *Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*

Everyone is cursed and no one justified.

Everyone is cursed by their works and no one justified by their works.

Instead of being saved by good deeds, those who go that way, which is what all false religion does, are double-cursed!

Cursed by the universality of sin!

Those who proclaim that message to anyone, they are triple cursed.

The divine curse on all man.