

Galatians 3:10–14

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- <sup>11</sup> But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for “the just shall live by faith.”
- <sup>12</sup> Yet the law is not of faith, but “the man who does them shall live by them.”
- <sup>13</sup> 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”),
- <sup>14</sup> that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

## ***Jesus Will Solve the Curse Problem*** **Galatians 3:10-14**

INTRO:

We are exploring Paul’s statement of exasperation. He cannot believe that they should so readily tolerate these false teachers who torment them. He tells them they should not doubt for three reasons. We have covered the first two in previous messages and now we will take up the last. First, they show not be pulled away because they know how they received their salvation and the indwelling Holy Spirit. Second, they should not be pulled away because they know Abraham believed God and He counted it as righteousness. Today we take up the third and final point. They must not let these false teachers deceive them because Christ provided the only way to be declared righteous and escape the curse of the Law.

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A. The last evidence which demonstrated the foolishness of following the false teachers was because, ***“As many as are of the works of the law are under the curse.”*** Paul asserted no one is able to keep the law of God.

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1. To support his assertion, the Apostle cited **Deuteronomy 28:15**, ***“But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you.”***

2. This is taken from the passage in **Deuteronomy 27-28**. There, the children of Israel were commanded to recite all the blessings for obedience to the Law of God and the curses against those who did not obey the Law. Moses did not promise heaven or salvation for those who obeyed the Law. However, the curse for disobedience had temporal and eternal consequences.

B. The only way they could be delivered was for the curse to be taken away. The Apostle hinted at the answer here in **verse 11**.

***“That no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for ‘the just shall live by faith.’”***

The Apostle used the Scripture again to support his point. The quote is from **Habakkuk 2:4**. ***“‘the just shall live by faith.’”*** Later when Paul wrote his exposition of the Gospel to the Roman church he cited this verse as his foundation point, **Romans 1:16-17**.

C. ***“Yet the law is not of faith, but ‘the man who does them shall live by them.’”*** The interest of the Law was never eternal life. It was obeying the law in their everyday life. Keeping the Law had nothing to do with being saved or justified before God.

## ***II. God Took Care of the Curse in Christ (v. 13-14)***

**Galatians 3:13-14** ***“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’), [in order] that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, [in order] that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”***

A. We see that the Law was never designed as a way to be saved. However, it was designed to show us the holy nature of our eternal God and make us understand our need of a Savior. The purpose for **3:10** was to underline we cannot keep the law

and so we are all condemned and under sin. ***“For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse.”***

1. How then can we escape this condemnation? The only way we could be delivered from this curse is through what the Lord Jesus Christ did for us.

***“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’).”***

2. How did the Lord Jesus redeem us from the curse?

**Mark 15:29–31** ***“And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, ‘Aha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself, and come down from the cross!’ Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, ‘He saved others; Himself He cannot save.’”***

This the essence of what it meant for our Savior to be made our curse. The irony was He could not save Himself and come down from the cross because if He did do that, we could not be saved.

B. Now Paul sums up his argue tying this all together.

***“[in order] that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, [in order] that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith”***

1. Coming to this point in **chapter 3**, Paul wrote about the blessings of Abraham did not come through the works of the Law, but through faith (**vs.8-9**).

2. He previously wrote, we know we are saved because the Spirit of God took up residence in us. He did not come into our lives by the works of the Law, but by faith (**vs.1-7**).

3. Finally, Paul showed them all of this was built upon the foundation of Christ becoming the curse and bearing that curse for us on Calvary.

C. So how, then, could they forget what Christ did for you, and allow these folks to confuse you about salvation by grace alone?

Do we recognize how important this is for us? These things are not just an interesting intellectual exercise. This is reality and all eternity is at stake here. Don't forget the Apostle Paul's divine warning in **Galatians 1:6–9**.

***“I [am astonished] that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say***

*again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.”*

*Do you embrace this Gospel?*

*Do you bless God everyday for that Gospel?*

**Hymn #405 *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place***