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Bible Study Series: Living by Faith – Galatians

Lesson 15. The Curse of the Law – Gal. 3:10-14

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Intro: Abraham was not saved by keeping the Law. He was justified decades before he was circumcised and even this was 500 years before the Law was given at Sinai.

- I. The Law Brings a Curse – vs. 10
 - A. Working for Salvation only Brings a Curse – James 2:8-11; Rom. 7:10
 - B. Cursed if You Do Not Continue - Deut. 27:26; 2 Cor. 11:24
- II. The Law Cannot Justify – vs. 11-12
 - A. No One is Justified by Law Keeping
 1. The Knowledge of Sin – Rom. 3:20
 2. The End of the Law – Heb. 10:1-10 – He did what the law could not
 - B. The Just Life by Faith – Hab. 2:4 – “the ones regarded as righteous by God”
 - C. “Live by Them” – to rely on works for salvation requires perfect works - Lev. 18:5; Matt. 5:48
- III. Christ was Cursed for Us – vs. 13-14
 - A. Cursed to Remove the Curse – Deut. 21:23; 1 Peter 2:24; Acts 5:30
 1. Capital punishment followed by being tied up to a stake or tree and hung there until sunset
 2. A visible representation of being rejected by God, justly condemned for transgressions of divine law
 - B. Cursed That We Might Be Blessed – Acts 1:4-5; Eph. 1:13
 1. The Promise of the Spirit
 2. Through Faith
 - C. The Blessings Promised Abraham – for Jews and Gentiles – Gen. 12:1-3; Rom. 4:2-3

Cross References

James 2:8-11

8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well; 9 but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. 11 For He who said, “Do not commit adultery,” also said, “Do not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

Romans 7:10

10 And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death.

Deuteronomy 27:26

26 ‘Cursed is the one who does not confirm all the words of this law by observing them.’ “And all the people shall say, ‘Amen!’ ”

2 Corinthians 11:24

24 From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one.

Romans 3:20

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.

Hebrews 10:1-10

10 For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. 3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. 4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins. 5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: “Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. 7 Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.’ ” 8 Previously saying, “Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them” (which are offered according to the law), 9 then He said, “Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.” He takes away the first that He may establish the second. 10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Habakkuk 2:4

4 “Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith.

Leviticus 18:5

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

Matthew 5:48

48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Deuteronomy 21:23

23 his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance; for he who is hanged is accursed of God.

1 Peter 2:24

24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

Acts 5:30

30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree.

Acts 1:4-5

4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Ephesians 1:13

13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Genesis 12:1-3

12 Now the Lord had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Romans 4:2-3

2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”

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