# HIS Blessings FLOW FAR AS THE CURSE IS FOUND GALATIANS 3:10-18





For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law." Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because "the righteous will live by faith." The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says,

"The person who does these things will live by them." 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 pole." 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.

Brothers and sisters, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ.

What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise. For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on the promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise.

The Situation

#### His Argument: 1) Remember Your Experience v. 2 "Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard?"

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Blessings & Curses

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## Blessings & Curses

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#### Genesis 3:15

"...He will crush your head and you will strike his heel."

Blessings & Curses Genesis 3:22-24 "'He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.' So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

Blessings & Curses Genesis 3:22-24 After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life."

### **Blessings & Curses** Genesis 4-11 (Moving East)

Blessings & Curses Genesis 4-11 (Moving East) 4:16 – "So Cain went out from the Lord's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden."

Blessings & Curses Genesis 4-11 (Moving East) 6:5 – "The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time."

Blessings & Curses Genesis 4-11 (Moving East) 11:1-2 - "Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As people moved eastward..."

#### Blessings & Curses Genesis 12 – Abraham & Sarah

#### Covenant = Life w/ God

### Blessings & Curses Genesis 12:1-3

"I will make you into a great nation [people], and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

### **Blessings & Curses** Genesis 13:15-16 "All the land that you see I v

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Blessings & Curses Deuteronomy A choice between life and death. Between blessing and the curse.

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**27:26 -** "Cursed is anyone who does not uphold the words of this law by carrying them out."

### Blessings & Curses Galatians 3:13

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- We are set free from the bondage of sin and bondage to the law and religion.

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### Reverse the Curse Joy to the World

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found...

#### **Reverse the Curse** Ezekiel 47:1-12

A river of God's presence, flowing east...