REDEEMED FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW

Required Bible Reading:

Galatians chapter 3	Isaiah chapter 53	Haggai 2:8
1 Timothy 4:8	Malachi 3:10-11	Luke 6:38
Deuteronomy 28	Psalm 50:10	Proverbs
19:17 Hebrews 8:6	Matthew 8:17	1 Peter 2:24
Acts 10:38	Luke 6:19-24	John 5:26 1
Corinthians 15:26	John 3:4-6	John 10:10
Romans 5,6,7,8	All scriptures mentioned within	this lesson

While I was in prison, another Christian inmate gave me a book to read. It was called "Redeemed from Poverty, Sickness, and Spiritual Death" by Kenneth E. Hagin and it talked about the curse of the law as found in **Galatians 3:13**. It states that we, as Christians, were redeemed from the curse of the law which is poverty, sickness, and spiritual death. To tell you the truth, I'd never heard of such a thing in all my life! I thought the book must be of the devil! I had always been led to believe God put sickness on people to perfect them and if you were well off financially, you would surely wind up in Hell! I got my Bible and attempted to prove the book wrong but I found out every scripture mentioned was in the Bible! As I compared scriptures, I found out Jesus is the healer. He redeemed me from spiritual death and being born again by His Spirit means you will never have to die an eternal death. He became poor that I might become rich, or in other words, have a full supply.

I would encourage you, even in this lesson, to study these scriptures diligently, as though to prove them wrong and you will find it to be true, that by the blood of Jesus, you have been redeemed from the curse of the law!

In order to find out what the curse is, we must go back to **Deuteronomy 28**. You will find the curse covers three main areas: poverty, sickness, and death.

The law is the Ten Commandments and all of the Pentateuch, (the first five books of the Bible). No man all by himself can live by the law and its list of do's and don'ts. Therefore Jesus came and fulfilled the law's requirements and died in our place, as an innocent sacrifice to set us free from the curse of the law.

Why then was the law given?

1. It was given by God "because of transgressions." That is, in order to show sin as the violation of God's will and to awaken man's sense of need for God's mercy, grace, and salvation in Christ. **Romans 3:24; 5:20; 8:2**

2. Although the law was holy, good, and righteous, **Romans 7:12**, it was inadequate in that it could not impart spiritual life or moral strength, **Romans 3:21; 8:3; Hebrews 7:18-19**.

3. The law acted as a temporary tutor for God's people until salvation through faith in Christ came , **Romans 3:22-26**. The law revealed God's will for His people's behavior **Exodus 19:4-6; 20:1-17; 21:1-24; 8**, provided for the blood sacrifices to cover the people's sins and pointed to Jesus, **Hebrews 9:14; 10:12-14**.

4. The law was given "to lead us to Christ, that we could be justified by faith." Now that Christ has come, the supervisory function of the law has ended. Therefore, we no longer seek salvation through obedience to the law. Salvation now comes through faith in Jesus Christ and His blood. The law we now live under and obey, is the law of the new covenant that Jesus established and that is the law of love, John 13:34. This love is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, Romans 5:5, and if we live by this law of love we will not break any of the commandments God gave to curb sin. Now, with an understanding for what the law is, why it was given and what the curse is, let us briefly look at our redemption from its curse.

All of the blessings of Abraham come on us through Jesus Christ, **Galatians 3:14**. Study the life of Abraham. He was rich, healthy and he lived a long life.

Jesus made provision for you to be rich. What does that mean? Through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, you can have an abundant or full supply of whatever you need, that is what the word rich means, **Philippians 4:19**. Jesus made provision so you can walk in health and live a long life,**1 Peter 2:24**. Jesus made provision for eternal life, **John 3:3**, **16**. Death always means separation in the Bible. Does this mean you will never die? No, if Jesus tarries His coming, your physical body will die. Physical death is the last enemy that will be put under foot. You are redeemed now from spiritual death. You are no longer separated from God and you will live forever with Him in heaven.

Jesus made an offering of Himself for us, a complete sacrifice that redeemed us from the curse. It has been called the great exchange. Just as the curse covered every part of our life or being, so did Jesus' sacrifice. He gave his body. He gave his spirit for our spirit. He gave his soul (mind, will, and emotions) for us. He gave up all the riches of heaven to do that for you!

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

When you are faced with problems of lack, sickness, or thoughts of being separated from God, begin to confess that these things are a curse of the law and I am redeemed from the curse of the law through Jesus Christ.

RECITE THIS SPIRITUAL PSALM TO YOURSELF

<u>Christ redeemed me from the curse of the law, as He hung on that shameful tree.</u> <u>And all that is worse is contained in the curse.</u> <u>Jesus has set me free.</u> <u>I am not under the curse, not under the curse for Jesus has set me free.</u> <u>For sickness, I have health. For poverty, I have wealth, since Jesus has ransomed me.</u> **Dr. L. B. Yeoman**

TEST 12 **REDEEMED FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW**

1. According to **Deuteronomy 28:1**, what will happen if you observe and do all God's commandments?

2. What one commandment did Jesus give us to obey?

3. According to **Galatians 3:14**, How does the blessings of Abraham come upon us?

4. Give one reason the law was given in the first place_____

5. What is the law?

6. What three areas does the curse of the law cover? _____, _____, and _____.

7. What three areas does our redemption cover? _____, ____and

8. What law do we live under as a Christian?

9. Death in the Bible means: A. To be buried B. Separation C. To sleep a long time

True or False

10. According to Galatians 3:13, Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law.	T_	F
11. The blessings of Abraham are only for the Jews.	T	F
12. Spiritual death means to be separated from God.	T _	F
13. <u>Poverty</u> is a blessing from God.	T	F
14. God will supply all your needs according to his poverty in Glory by C	Christ Jesus	5.

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