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The Love Series: The blessings of Abraham. Foundation 2

Last month in laying a foundation for the blessing of Abraham we looked at the root cause that necessitated salvation which was the sin of Adam passed down unto all of mankind for all have sinned. Without the sin of Adam, there would be no need for human salvation; God's original purpose would have remained in place and the world, as we know it would be a different place. But praise be to God whose abundant mercy in Christ has redeemed and purchased our salvation and restored that which was lost (eternal life and all its ramification as in the blessing) For indeed the word says that Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law been made a curse for us that the blessing of and promise to Abraham might come down on the gentiles through Christ. There fore we are blessed with faithful Abraham. The blessing is not something that is going to happen in the sweet by and by it is a present legal reality imputed on you when you by faith confessed and called on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Galatians 3: 13 says that Christ has redeemed (past tense) us from the curse of the law. To know the magnitude and be able to fully appreciate the inheritance we have in Christ we need to look at the curse of the law. Please know that the curse of the law (disobedience) began with the fall of Adam- (Genesis 3:14-19) When Adam disobeyed the commandment of the Lord which constitutionally was a law prohibiting them from doing something they brought upon themselves and all of mankind the curse. In its fundamental, to be separated from the life of God, to be unforgiven of one's sin constitute living under the curse. When Adam sinned he was separated from the life of God. He lost that spiritual DNA or connector so to say that made him one with a Holy God. He became born again from life (blessing) into death (curse). And that is why Jesus said to Nicodemus in John 3:3, "I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that unless a person is born again (anew, from above), he cannot ever see (know, be acquainted with, and experience) the kingdom of God". Adam and thus the entire human race by sin were separated from the life of God which is spiritual death and for him to become alive (again as he was before the fall and enter into the blessing of Genesis 1:28) man must be born again to be able to see the kingdom of God.

The fundamental effect/aspect of the curse of the law is death (spirit, soul and body) defined within the characteristics of the curse as poverty, sickness and death. The curse affected every aspect of the human nature. I fully encourage you to take a look at the full enumeration of some of the curse as outlined in Genesis 3:14-19 and Deuteronomy 18: 16-68. The curses enumerated in these verses and other aspects of the curse in other passages in scriptures reveal the catastrophic consequence of sin brought about by disobedience. The curse of the law is contrary to life. For Jesus said that He is the way, truth and life and that He came to bring us life and life in abundance. So therefore when a person accepts Christ by grace through faith in believing and confessing according to Romans 10:9-10 the life of God in Christ is imputed to them as they are born again thus passing from death into life. And once they pass from death into life they are no longer legally under the curse, thus the message and truth of Galatians 3.

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When God created Adam and placed him in the garden there was work to be done but no poverty, sickness or death to contend with. The very first words that Adam and Eve heard from the mouth of the creator as recorded in Genesis 1:8 was one of blessing and increase:

And God **blessed** them and said to them, **Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it** [using all its vast resources in the service of God and man]; and **have dominion** over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth. Now identify the similarities of these words with the blessings enumerated in Genesis 1:8, 9:1-2, 12:2-3, 22:17-18 and Deuteronomy 28:1-14 and other places in scripture that speaks of life associated with obedience and believing.

The curse is the power of sin in legal manifestation as poverty, sickness and death in the life of a person. Note that I didn't say that if a believer is poor or sick or manifesting any aspect of the curse they are legally under the curse. All unbelievers are still under the curse legally because they have not yet accepted their redemption paid by Christ though some may be experiencing fruitfulness, multiplication and dominion in certain areas of their lives. They are still spiritually dead and under the curse and the power of sin. On the other hand a believer who has been legally set free from the power of the curse can still experience aspects of the curse. It doesn't mean they are cursed or legally under the curse. They are not because Christ has set us believers free from the curse. It just means that they may be ignorant and/or have not exercised their legal right or they are not seeing the manifested fruit of the blessing in certain arenas of their lives yet. Also as believers we live in a fallen world (though not of it) in a physical body that gets older and in the process of decay as Paul puts it yet our inner man is renewed from day to day, from glory to glory. The difference between a believer and an unbeliever as stated earlier is fundamental to the presence and absence of Christ in each life. More over the believer has the awesome trio of the Holy Spirit in Him, the word of God that can renew and transform his/her life and the grace of God that brings about favor and the enabling power of God to work on their behalf.

Now look at the contrast between the blessings in Genesis 1:8, 9:1-2, 12:2-3, 22:17-18 and Deuteronomy 28:1-14 with the curse enumerated from verses 16-64. These curses and everything else associated with it are what Christ has redeemed us from.

Webster describes the word redeem as

1 a: **to buy back**: REPURCHASE b: to get or win back

2: **to free from what distresses or harms**: as a: **to free from captivity by payment of ransom** b: to extricate from or help to overcome something detrimental c: **to release from blame or debt**: CLEAR d: **to free from the consequences of sin**

3: to change for the better: REFORM, 4: REPAIR, RESTORE

5 a: to free from a lien by payment of an amount secured thereby b (1): **to remove the obligation of by payment** <the United States Treasury redeems savings bonds on demand> (2): **to exchange for something of value** <redeem trading stamps> c: to make good: FULFILL

6 a: **to atone** for: EXPIATE <redeem an error> b (1): **to offset the bad effect of** (2): to make worthwhile: RETRIEVE

The curse of the law effected man's relationship with the Almighty Father God. When a person is spiritually under the curse of the law they have no relationship with God thus they are children of the devil by virtue of their sin still been imputed to them (2 Corinthians 5: 19: Psalms 32:1). And because they are spiritually and legally still under the curse they are not blessed and it doesn't matter how wealthy, intelligent, wise, successful or what ever they may be because the fundamental of the blessing of Abraham has to do with identification with Christ through believe in the heart and confession through the mouth that Jesus Christ is

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Lord. . Jesus exposes the futility of success, increase and gain without salvation when he said: For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? **Mark 8:36**. He wasn't saying that gain and increase, multiplication and fruitfulness are evil. He was simply saying that in the scheme of eternity all the wealth and goods of this life would do you no good if you were without forgiveness in Him. You are still under the curse legally and will end up in hell. God's desire is for His children to prosper in every dimension of their lives. God instituted the blessing from the beginning and for anyone to say that God is anti increase, multiplication, wealth, and riches is ignorant of basic biblical truth.

Only identification with the finished work of Jesus through belief and confession (grace and faith) can lift off the power of the curse from a person's life. The fundamental of a blessed life is one whose sins have been washed away by the blood of Jesus, the man whose sins are not imputed to him or remembered because through faith in his heart in God's grace this man has confessed with his mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord. Such a person has been legally and positionally redeemed/removed from under the curse. The curse has no legal power over Him or her. They are no longer in bondage to the curse because they are not married to the law (of sin and death) any more. The law, which was their old husband, is dead. Now they are married to a new law which is the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus called grace. And grace is God's favor, yes unmerited however enabling us as believers to be and do all God's will for us. That is what the whole premise of the majority of the book of Romans is about. As a believer you are free from the curse of the law and its power so exercise your authority In Christ and stop giving the devil, unbelievers and unbelieving saints power over you. Who cares what the devil thinks and says or anyone else as long as we are walking in the truth of God's known will.

However as believers we can still bring ourselves under a curse (not that we are cursed, because Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law) when after having been saved by grace through faith we resort to legalism, believes and traditions of men that make the word of God of non effect. When you resort to legalism or dependence on the law (not that the law in itself is bad. It is not bad because God is the author and giver of the law. It was given to point and lead us to Christ who is grace and we are to remain in Christ/ grace) as a means to perfecting you, you are stepping out of grace and faith into works of the flesh and that is a cursed place to be. It is a cursed place because it totally negates the finished work of Christ on the cross that brought God's favor (grace) upon us. Disobedience (which is stepping out of grace and faith) to His word can also bring aspects of the curse or consequences of disobeying the word into our lives.

Shalom,

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