



# **Galatians - Chapter 3:13-16**

## **Christ has Borne the Curse of the Law**

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## Review

### Paul's Defense of the Grace Principle

- Shown by the example of Abraham
- Faith results in blessing while works of law result in cursing
- Law is not “of faith” but “of works” and therefore cannot be the source of a righteous life.
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## Galatians 2:19-21

<sup>19</sup> "For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God.

<sup>20</sup> "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

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<sup>14</sup> in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

<sup>15</sup> Brethren, I speak in terms of human relations: even though it is *only* a man's covenant, yet when it has been ratified, no one sets it aside or adds conditions to it.

<sup>16</sup> Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as *referring* to many, but *rather* to one, "And to your seed," that is, Christ.



# What is communicated in the expression, “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law?”

- Redeemed: to buy out of; secure for oneself
- Christ paid that redemption price!



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- Gal 3:8 The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, *saying*, "ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU" (Gen 12:3)



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## What is “the promise of the Spirit?”

- The Spirit’s promise?
- The promised Spirit?

## What does the context reveal?

- “the promise” is the blessing promised to Abraham and His Seed.



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Because Christ became a curse on behalf of all men, the blessings promised in the Abrahamic covenant are made available to both Jews and Gentiles!



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## Why is Paul bringing this up?

v17 What I am saying is this: the Law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not invalidate a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise.



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# Where are we going???

## 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

<sup>21</sup> For since by a man *came* death, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead.

<sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

There's no 3<sup>rd</sup> option!



**Are there going to be any resurrected believers who are still in Adam?**

- **Not possible!**

Every single person who participates in the resurrection to eternal life, must be part of the new creation man.

Within the new race of mankind, there are nevertheless distinctions.



**God's promise to bless the "seed" of Abraham is grounded in His eternal and unchangeable covenant with Abraham.**

**All those who respond by faith will be blessed with Abraham the believer!!**