

Who Takes Your Curse?

Salvation: Cursed by the Law or Blessed by Faith Galatians 3:10-14 Chris Mueller 11-27-2022

Introduction:

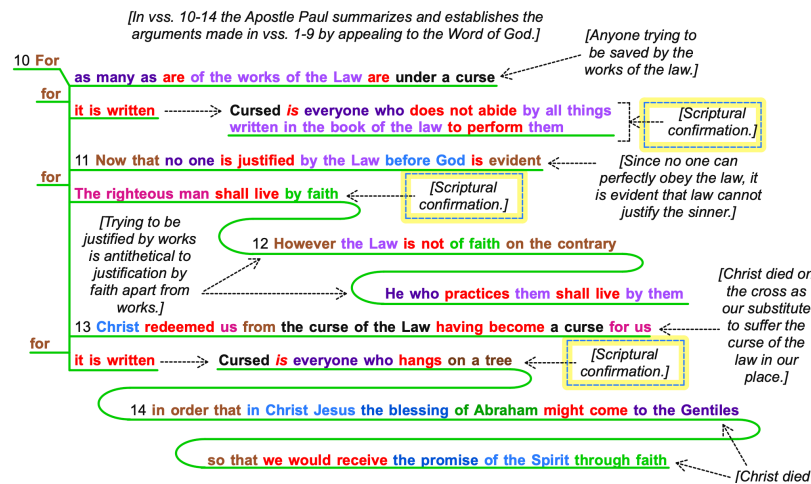
"THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH"



Galatians 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM." **11** Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, "THE RIGHTEOUS MAN SHALL LIVE BY FAITH." **12** However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, "HE WHO PRACTICES THEM SHALL LIVE BY THEM." **13** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"—**14** 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.

CURSED BY LAW, BLESSED BY FAITH

Galatians 3:10–14 (NASB95)



James 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

1 Kings 8:46 for there is no man who does not sin

Isaiah 53:6 All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way

Romans 3:10 There is none righteous, not even one

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

#1 Stop all attempts to _____ your salvation, by keeping the law 10-11a

1st Don't try keeping the law for salvation; the law _____ 10a

10 For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse;

2nd Don't try keeping the law for salvation; the law requires _____ 10b

10b for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them."

Romans 7:10 this commandment which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me.

Romans 7:25 I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin

3rd Don't try keeping the law for salvation; the law can't _____ a sinner 11a

11 Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident;

Acts 13:38–39 by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

Calvin The law justifies him who fulfills all its commands, whereas faith justifies those who are destitute of the merit of works and rely on Christ alone. To be justified by our own merit and by the grace of another are irreconcilable.

#2 Only depend on _____ alone for your salvation 11b-12

Habakkuk 2:4 Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

Salvation can never be by human achievement. Salvation is only by divine accomplishment.

1st Avoid depending on the law because the law is not of _____ 11b

12 However, the Law is not of faith;

2nd Avoid depending on the law because the law requires perfect _____ 12

12 However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, "He who practices them shall live by them."

Martin Luther If you wish to placate Me, do not offer Me your works and merits. But believe in Jesus Christ, My only Son, who was born, who suffered, who was crucified, and who died for your sins. Then I will accept you and pronounce you righteous.

#3 Count on Christ alone, who took your _____ 13

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"

1 Peter 1:19 precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

Matthew 20:28b the Son of Man came ... to give his life as a ransom for many

Deuteronomy 21:22 If a man has committed a sin worthy of death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, 23 his corpse shall not hang all night on the tree, but you shall surely bury him on the same day (for he who is hanged is accursed of God), so that you do not defile your land which the Lord your God gives you as an inheritance.

1 Peter 2:24 esv He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree

2 Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him

#4 Embrace Christ's work alone to bring _____ to all men through faith 14

14 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.

Take Home:

A. Justification/salvation/regeneration is by _____

B. Justification by *faith* means salvation is a _____

C. Justification is so much more than _____ and heaven

Questions for Growth in Christ

1. Why are those who don't obey the law cursed?
2. Why can't people earn their salvation?
3. Why does the law require perfection?
4. Describe the nature of faith that actually saves. Saving faith – what is it like?
5. How did Christ take the curse that belonged to us?
6. Why was it such a big deal that Christ was hung on a tree?
7. How does being in Christ result in the blessing of Abraham and salvation to the Gentiles?
8. What does it mean to receive the promise of the Spirit in salvation, and how should it make a difference in how Christians live?
9. What steps should you take in order to apply the truths found in Galatians 3:10-14?



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